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## An American soldier speaks

Former CENTCOM commander  
talks candidly about Iraq war  
and its critics

BY PATRICK DICKSON  
*Stars and Stripes*

WASHINGTON

**T**ommy Franks wants young commanders on the ground in Iraq to remember one thing: The desire to protect your troops is noble, but you cannot forget the mission.

Franks sat down with Stars and Stripes reporters Monday during a stop in Washington to promote his book, "American Soldier."

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## News Tracker ... What's new with old news

## States

**Peterson trial:** Scott Peterson's one-time mistress testified Tuesday in Redwood City, Calif., that her first blind date with him culminated in a hotel room tryst, revealing the first details of an affair the government says led Peterson to murder his pregnant wife.

Prosecutors have spent much of their case trying to establish that Peterson's affair with the massage therapist was his motive for killing his pregnant wife, Laci.

Amber Frey held a black bag in front of her face to block the cameras Tuesday as she was driven into a courthouse parking garage in preparation for her testimony.

Her lawyer, Gloria Allred, said Frey will probably be on the stand for "a considerable amount of time."

**Hacking charged:** The man who confessed to shooting his wife in the head and throwing her body in a trash bin stood passive Tuesday as a Salt Lake City judge read the charges against him during an initial court appearance.

Charged with first-degree murder, Mark Hacking appeared in court on a video feed from the county jail. Wearing an orange jumpsuit and with his hands cuffed behind his back, he uttered just three words, answering "Yeah — yes, sir" when the judge asked him to confirm his name.

On Monday, prosecutors filed the charges along with court documents detailing Hacking's confession to the slaying, made to his brothers as they visited with him in a psychiatric ward.



Hacking

**Hubble repair:** NASA's chief is urging his Hubble Space Telescope team to press ahead with plans for a robotic repair mission to the aging observatory, saying, "Let's go save the Hubble."

Administrator Sean O'Keefe says he will ask Congress for money to accomplish the job. He estimates it will take about \$1 billion to \$1.6 billion to develop and launch a robot to make the needed upgrades to keep the popular telescope running and to get it out of orbit once its work is through.

In a meeting with more than 200 Hubble engineers and scientists at Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Md., O'Keefe told them he was encouraged by their progress on coming up with a robotic solution, "actually astonished."

## World

**Japan nuclear accident:** A corroded cooling pipe that caused Japan's deadliest nuclear power plant accident had not been inspected since 1996, despite a warning last year that it was a safety threat, the plant operator said Tuesday.

The pipe — which carried boiling water and superheated steam — burst at the Mihama reactor Monday, burning to death at



**Mideast conflict:** The day after an Israeli army operation, Palestinian Abdul Kareem Shaat, 64, walks Tuesday through the rubble of destroyed houses next to Gaza's border with Egypt, in Rafah refugee camp, southern Gaza Strip. More than a dozen houses were demolished by Israeli troops during the one-day operation in an area the army claims is used by militants for smuggling weapons by underground tunnels.

least four workers and injuring seven others, two seriously. No radiation was released, officials said.

The announcement came as dozens of police and nuclear energy officials arrived Tuesday at the plant in Mihama, 200 miles west of Tokyo, to investigate operator Kansai Electric Power on suspicion of negligence resulting in death.

**Sept. 11 trial:** The retrial of the only Sept. 11 terror suspect ever convicted opened Tuesday in Hamburg, Germany, with a U.S. pledge to provide evidence. The suspect's lawyer dismissed the offer and urged the court to drop the case.

The U.S. initiative came at the start of the retrial of Mounir el Motassadeq, a 30-year-old Moroccan charged with aiding the three Hamburg-based suicide hijackers in the Sept. 11 attacks. He denies the charges.

Replying to the Hamburg state court's request for testimony by key al-Qaida operatives in U.S. custody, the State Department said the United States would provide unclassified summaries, apparently of interrogations.

**Water park roof collapses:** A Moscow court on Tuesday awarded \$17,100 to an 8-year-old girl whose parents were killed when the roof of an indoor water park collapsed — the first such court award since the February accident that killed 28 people.

Russian news agencies said the Cheryomushkinsky court ordered European Tech-



Motassadeq

nology and Service, the manager of the Transvaal water park, to pay moral damages to Yulia Milogorodskaya, who was injured in the incident.

She was among nearly 100 people hurt when the vast concrete and glass roof over the park in Moscow's southern suburbs collapsed on Feb. 14.

**Bobby Fischer extradition:** Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer has an unlikely ally in his battle against U.S. authorities seeking to deport him from Japan — former rival Boris Spassky.

Spassky has written to President Bush asking that he show mercy toward Fischer by not seeking his extradition, according to a copy of the letter faxed to media Tuesday.

Fischer rose to chess stardom by defeating Spassky, formerly of the Soviet Union, in a series of games in 1972 to claim the world championship.

Fischer is wanted by the United States for violating international sanctions by playing a rematch against Spassky in the former Yugoslavia in 1992. Fischer won, collecting more than \$3 million in prize money.

**South Africa bird flu:** Government teams began culling hundreds of ostriches Tuesday after an outbreak of bird flu forced South Africa to suspend all poultry exports. The outbreak has killed 6,000 birds since it was first reported three weeks ago. Fifteen farms within a nine-mile radius of the Eastern Cape town of Middleton have been quarantined.

Animal health experts are testing the ostriches on each farm and shooting any found to be infected with the virus, said Segot Mahlangu, spokesman for the Department of Agriculture and Land Affairs.

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# U.S. pounds Najaf with warnings, gunfire

## Officials say uprising beginning to interfere with Iraq oil production

BY ABDUL HUSSEIN  
AL-ABEDI  
The Associated Press

NAJAF, Iraq — U.S. tanks pushed into Najaf's vast cemetery-turned-battlefield Tuesday as helicopter gunships fired on Shiite militiamen hiding there. American patrols with loudspeakers went through the city, warning militants to leave or face death.

Explosions shook the streets and black smoke rose over parts of Najaf, but the fighting with Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia appeared more sporadic than in recent days.

A large fire broke out at a hotel about 300 yards from the Imam Ali Shrine, Najaf's holiest site, which fighters have reportedly been using as a base. Witnesses said insurgents were firing from inside the hotel and U.S. forces returned fire.

In a new tactic, U.S. military vehicles equipped with loudspeakers drove through the streets warning residents to stay away from the fighting and for militants to put down their weapons and leave. "We ask residents to cooperate with the Iraqi army and police," a voice said in Arabic. "There will be no talks or negotiations with terrorists."

Small clashes also broke out in the Baghdad Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City, despite a nighttime curfew imposed Monday.

Mahdi Army militants repeatedly attacked a district council hall, clashing with U.S. and Iraqi forces protecting the building, said U.S. Capt. Brian O'Malley of the 1st Brigade Combat Team.

Groups of three to five fighters have been attacking the building with mortars, gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades "every hour or so" from 7 a.m. to about 5 p.m., he said.

The fighting killed one person and wounded 18, Health Ministry officials said.

There were no employees there



Followers of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr fight during clashes between al-Mahdi army with U.S. and Iraqi forces in the holy city of Najaf, southern Iraq on Tuesday. Militant cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, whose Shiite militia has been battling U.S. forces across Iraq, warned that he would fight "until the last drop of my blood has been spilled," in his first appearance since the violence began.

during the attacks, and O'Malley said about 14,000 people "haven't been able to go to work since the fighting started" in Sadr City days ago.

While U.S. and Iraqi forces were trying to quell the eruption of Shiite violence, attacks by Sunni Muslim militants persisted.

A roadside bomb detonated as a U.S. military vehicle drove on a street in central Baghdad on Tuesday, slightly wounding two soldiers, the military said. On Monday a suicide car bomb targeted a deputy governor killing six people, and a roadside bomb hit a bus, killing four passengers.

Another insurgent group warned in a videotaped message it would launch a campaign of attacks on government offices in Baghdad starting Tuesday, telling employees to stay away.

The sixth day of Shiite violence came after al-Sadr said Monday

that he would fight "until the last drop of my blood has been spilled."

The uprising began to affect Iraq's crucial oil industry, as pumping to the southern port of Basra — the country's main export outlet — was halted because of militant threats to infrastructure, an official with the South Oil Company said.

About 1.8 million barrels per day, or 90 percent of Iraq's exports, move through Basra, and any shutdown in the flow of Iraq's main money earner would badly hamper reconstruction efforts. Iraq's other export line — is already out of operation.

An Iraqi oil official said Tuesday that Iraq had enough oil in storage tanks to continue exporting crude until production returned to normal, possibly within one or two days.

Clashes intensified around the southern city of Basra, where a British soldier was killed and several others wounded in fighting with militia near al-Sadr's office Monday, the British Ministry of Defense said. Three militants were killed and more than 10 wounded, Iraqi police said.

Much of the fighting in Najaf remained centered on the vast cemetery near the Imam Ali Shrine. The U.S. military said Mahdi Army gunmen were launching attacks from the cemetery and then running to take refuge in the shrine compound, one of the holiest sites in Shia Islam.

Najaf Gov. Adnan al-Zarfi gave U.S. forces approval to enter the shrine, a senior U.S. military official said Monday. "We have elected at this point not to conduct operations there, although we are prepared to do so at a moment's notice," the official said.

Such an offensive would almost certainly cause widespread outrage among the nation's Shiite majority and further exacerbate the crisis.

The military official estimated that 360 insurgents took part between Thursday, when fighting began, and Sunday night, a figure the militants dispute. Five U.S. troops have been killed in the fighting. About 20 police also have been killed, Najaf police chief Brig. Ghaleb al-Jazari said.

The fighting has shattered a series of delicate truces worked out two months ago that ended the Mahdi Army's first uprising, which broke out in April. During that period, U.S. commanders vowed to "capture or kill" al-Sadr, but later tacitly agreed to let Iraqi authorities deal with the cleric.

U.S. forces were apparently continuing the hands-off policy toward al-Sadr. The senior U.S. military officer in Baghdad, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the cleric "is not an objective; we are not actively pursuing him."

But the fighting has complicated the security situation for Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's government as it tried to take a tough stance against the mainly Sunni campaign of attacks, bombings and shootings plaguing Iraq for the past 15 months.

In a sign of the deterioration of the situation in Najaf, the Polish military returned command in the province and neighboring Qadisiyah province to the U.S. Marines. The Poles had received command in the two provinces only 10 days ago.

Mahdi Army militiamen in Baghdad also kidnapped a senior Iraqi policeman, Brig. Raed Mohammed Khudair, who is responsible for all police patrols in eastern Baghdad, said Col. Adnan Abdel Rahman, an Interior Ministry spokesman. In a video broadcast on the pan-Arab network al-Jazeera, militants said the government should release all Mahdi Army prisoners in exchange for Khudair.

### Saudi escapes

BAGHDAD — A Saudi man held at a U.S. detention camp near the southern city of Umm Qasr escaped, the U.S. military said Tuesday.

The man, identified as Abdullah Salem al-Khatani, broke out of Camp Bucca on Thursday, said Lt. Col. Barry Johnson from the Office to the Deputy Commanding General for Detainee Operations.

Johnson said the man was not a "high-value detainee," a term the military uses to describe senior ranking former regime officials or militants.

"He is considered a security risk to the Multi-National Forces and the Iraqi government," he said.

The man is believed to have fled from the camp and crossed the nearby border into Kuwait, according to media reports.

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As of Monday, 928 U.S. servicemembers have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 691 died as a result of hostile action and 237 died of nonhostile causes.

The British military has reported 62 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 790 U.S. servicemembers have died — 582 as a result of hostile action and 208 of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department.

## U.S. deaths in Iraq

The latest deaths reported by U.S. Central Command:

■ No new deaths were reported.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Marine Lance Cpl. Jonathan W. Collins, 19, Crystal Lake, Ill., killed Sunday in Iraq's Anbar province, assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Cpl. Roberto Abad, 22, Los Angeles, killed Friday in Najaf province, assigned to Battalion Landing Team, 1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Marine Sgt. Yadir G. Reynoso, 27, Wapa-to, Wash., killed Thursday in Najaf province, Iraq, assigned to Battalion Landing Team,

1st Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

■ Army Spc. Joshua I. Bunch, 23, Hattiesburg, Miss., died Friday in Baghdad when small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades struck his vehicle, assigned to the 91st Engineer Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

■ Army Pfc. Raymond J. Faustlich Jr., 24, Leonardtown, Md.; died Thursday in Najaf, Iraq, when small arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades struck his convoy; assigned to the 89th Transportation Company, 6th Transportation Battalion, 7th Transportation Group; Fort Eustis, Va.

■ Army Pfc. David L. Potter, 22, Johnson City, Tenn., died Saturday in Baghdad, of noncombat related injuries; assigned to the 115th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division; Fort Hood, Texas.

# Hostage tapes good for Arab TV ratings

## Critics say Al-Arabiya, Al-Jazeera no help during wave of kidnappings

BY PAUL GARWOOD

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — Al-Arabiya TV chief Abdulrahman al-Faraj says Iraqi militants use his station to get their message to the masses and understands that each time he airs a video of a kidnapped foreigner, terrorists are encouraged to grab others.

At rival station Al-Jazeera, chief editor Ahmed al-Sheikh says he faces the same agonizing dilemma every time militants deliver yet another tape bearing a shivering hostage or a deadly threat.

But both men, like those at many news organizations, say that though it is becoming increasingly difficult to decide whether to report developments like videotapes of hooded gunmen surrounding captive truck drivers, they can't shirk their responsibilities to cover the news and chase advertising ratings.

It is a reality on which militants in Iraq, and recently some militants in the Palestinian territories, are capitalizing.

"I am convinced the airing of [militant] tapes is not encouraging more kidnapping, issuing of demands and other examples of this kind," says al-Rashed, general manager of Dubai-based Al-Arabiya, which along with Al-Jazeera TV has been receiving and broadcasting the bulk of the militants' tapes.

"We can see it on the ground, but this is the nature of the media and there is little that we can do," he told The Associated Press.

Al-Rashed says his Saudi-owned station checks each tape sent by militants for authenticity and the most relevant, newsworthy segments to consider airing. Like many tapes that end up in his station's hands, many are rhetorical rants from militants providing no hard news. Without images of a kidnapped foreigner, such videos are ignored, he says.

But when the tape includes a hostage, beheading or any other "newsworthy" event, parts are aired, even if it might encourage more of the same.

"There is only one condition for me to stop airing all these videotapes, which is that all TV stations in the region agree not to show them," al-Rashed says. "If they agree, I will also."

"But it is difficult for me to have an empty screen and have people find the news on another station, because ratings play a major role, even though I believe that part of the frequency in the kidnappings has to do with the media publicity these groups are getting."

Al-Sheikh from Al-Jazeera says there was little his station can do but report all the developments in the war in Iraq. The kidnappings are "one of the repercussions of the present state of lawlessness in the country," al-Sheikh said.

Al-Jazeera's coverage in Iraq landed it in hot water over the weekend. Police ordered its employees out of their Baghdad newroom after the Iraqi government closed its office for 30 days, accusing Al-Jazeera of inciting violence.



Mamoun Fandy, a senior fellow at the James Baker Institute for Public Policy, stands outside his Georgetown apartment on Monday in Washington. Fandy has accused Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya of "becoming cheerleaders for terrorism."

"They have been showing a lot of crimes and criminals on TV, and they transfer a bad picture about Iraq and about Iraqis and encourage criminals to increase their activities," Iraqi Interior Minister Palah al-Naqbi said. "We want to protect our people."

Al-Jazeera officials said the closure violated press freedoms.

More than 70 foreigners, mainly truck drivers but also diplomats from Iran and

Egypt and U.S. citizens, have been kidnapped in Iraq since coalition forces invaded last year. Many have been taped by cameramen while surrounded by armed men issuing demands interspersed with Koranic verses.

In at least three cases, including that of American businessman Nicholas Berg, their beheadings have been recorded with excerpts of the videos being aired around the world.

Mamoun Fandy, senior fellow at the Washington-based James Baker Institute for Public Policy, accused Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya of "becoming cheerleaders for terrorism," claiming they air videos and faxed statements from militants without "verifying" their sources.

"This is not journalism, this is advertising for terrorism. They [the militants] are killing for air time, not for jihad [holy war], they are killing to appear on Al-Jazeera and Al-Arabiya," says Fandy, who writes on Middle Eastern affairs.

Bob Steele, a journalism values scholar at the Florida-based Poynter Institute for Media Studies, says there was no way to prove media organizations were feeding the increased kidnappings, but added that editors and journalists must take care with what they consider airing.

"No doubt militant groups are using the media for certain forms of negotiation in times like these I believe that people in the United States and around the world are best served when they have more information rather than less," Steele says.

Rami Khouri, executive editor of Lebanon's English-language Daily Star newspaper, cautioned against being misled by media, saying TV stations and news organizations like his would be doing a "diservice" by ignoring the tapes.

# Even with Saddam gone, corruption still a problem in Iraq

BY RAWYA RAGEH

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Siham Kadhim leaves her gold jewelry at home when she goes to a government office these days, she doesn't want to tempt the clerks looking for more than just an application fee to process her paperwork.

"I am afraid they will think I am rich and hike up the bribe," the mother of three said, drinking coffee with friends on a recent afternoon.

As Iraq works to take its first faltering steps toward democracy and transparency, its bureaucracy has become even more riddled with corruption, dishonesty and favoritism than it was under the previous regime.

Learning that their still need to push recalcitrant clerks to perform their duties, and that "Karamiya," an Arabic euphemism for bribery, still reigns — and is getting worse.

Under Saddam, fear of the government and its many agents planned in every government department, kept some of the corruption in check. The fledgling interim government does not inspire that same fear.

"It's been one month now that



Iraqis work on Tuesday crowd the entrance to the Passport Authority in Baghdad. As Iraq works to take its first faltering steps towards democracy and transparency, its bureaucracy has become even more riddled with corruption, dishonesty and favoritism than it was under the previous regime.

I've been going back and forth to that office," Umm Ali, 45, sighed, talking about her hours in line trying to get a passport.

Like many Iraqis who rushed to obtain travel documents after years of restrictions under Saddam, Umm Ali was surprised to discover that the weeks-old system was already mired in corruption.

Shady operators offered to

speed her application through the queue for \$200 — a price that should cost her less than \$1.

"While I wait in line, these fixers come up to me and say: 'If you want your papers done, just show us the dough,'" she said. A devout Shiite, Umm Ali — who asked that her nickname be used — wants to travel to neighboring Syria to visit a holy shrine with her husband and daughter.

She said she balked at the fee. "Where do I get \$600 from?"

It's not only the passport authority, Umm Ali's friends chime in, ticking off a list of places they had the same experiences — the electricity company, telecommunications offices, real estate brokers, the tax service and banks.

George Sada, a spokesman for interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, acknowledged there was a problem.

"Yes, there are violations, and it is among our top priorities to handle that," he said, pointing out the government has only been in power for five weeks, and needs more time.

The government's top priority now is to contain the 15-month-old insurgency wracking the country, he said.

Sada hoped a new anti-corruption commission would help eradicate the problem.

The commission, which started in June, investigates complaints dating back from the previous regime. But not many people know about it, including Umm Ali and her friends.

"What are they going to do anyway?" asked Amira Ali, banging her coffee cup on the table. "Saddam has sown evil and corruption and now it's harvest time."

Ali has her own tale. Her neighborhood was forced to pay nearly \$700 to a phone line repair man before he would even start working.

When Ali went to pay council fees for the building she owns, the tax clerk leaned back in her chair and opened a desk drawer — a well known sign across the Middle East for requesting a bribe. Ali paid her \$24.

"Even police at a checkpoint the other day let off a reckless driver who had no license or registration because he paid them," she said.

U.S. instructors training new Iraqi police and Iraqi government governments have also expressed concern that new recruits could be bribed.

"There are still some undesirable elements in the police," said Sabah Kadhim, an Interior Ministry spokesman. "But we need the people's help. We need them to be patient and we need them to report any violations."

Kadhim, the housewife, said she was willing to be patient, but only if the government dealt decisively with the problem.

"I advise the new president [Ghazi] al-Yawer to be firm, like Saddam," she said. "We have so many riches in this country, they need to allot it in the right way to counter greed."



# Poll: High-schoolers predict draft ahead

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most U.S. high-school students believe the government will restart the military draft during their lifetimes, and shrinking numbers are optimistic about the country's future, a new poll finds.

Among teenagers, 55 percent say young Americans will be required to serve in the military, up from 45 percent last year, according to "The State of Our Nation's Youth," an annual survey by the Horatio Alger Association.

During the year between polls — May

2003 to May 2004 — U.S. casualties mounted during attacks in Iraq even after President Bush declared on May 1, 2003, that major combat had ended.

Former President Nixon halted the draft in 1973. Pentagon leaders and numerous generals and admirals have said it should not be resumed because the volunteer military is more efficient.

Critics including Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry have accused the Pentagon of engaging in a "backdoor draft" to compensate for manpower shortages in Iraq with wholesale mobilizations National Guard and Reserve units and other retention tactics.

In the poll, respondents were asked their views of a mandatory military service requirement of two years, and 70 percent of students were opposed.

Still, more young people than not said the United States was right to go to war in Iraq. The poll found 44 percent said the decision was correct, 33 percent said it was wrong, and the rest had no opinion or were unsure.

The students' outlook for the country was dimmer this year, but it remained relatively high, as 68 percent said they were hopeful.

That was down from 75 percent last year.

More than two-thirds of students said they care who wins the presidential race, but two-thirds also said they have not closely followed news reporting about the race.

The Horatio Alger Association, which provides college scholarships to needy students, issued its report Tuesday. Results are based on a telephone poll of 1,007 students in grades nine to 12 at the time of the survey, taken May 5 to 7. The students ranged in age from 13 to 19, although most were 15 to 17.

The survey has a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.1 percentage points.

## Writer went from courier to the Corps

BY FRED ZIMMERMAN

Stars and Stripes

CAMP POSTER, Okinawa — Marine Lance Cpl. Rebecca Reilly isn't your typical Marine. Most junior Marines are just out of high school, but Reilly traveled many miles — literally — before joining the Corps.

She has seen the world as a bike messenger, writing a book about the business along the way, before becoming a Marine at age 34.

Her journey started in 1993 after she graduated from Lake Erie College with a degree in equestrian studies. She said she could've gotten a job working with horses but the pay wasn't enough to cover her bills. And a job as a bank teller in Washington, D.C., taught her that working indoors wasn't for her.

"For me to work in an office was like clipping a bird's wings," said the Buffalo, N.Y., native. "I could've been a secretary but if it's a job's job, I don't want it."

So when a bike messenger who often came into the bank told her she should try being a courier, she listened. That advice started a journey that lasted 10 years and took her across the United States for work and around the globe for competitions.

She began her courier career in the nation's capital, where she soon realized bike messengers had their own subculture. After a year and half in the business and after hearing many messengers' stories, she decided to write a book about the business. "Nerves of Steel: Bike Messengers in the United States" was published in August 2000.

"I thought that since I have this crazy lifestyle, I should have something to show for it," Reilly said. "They called me the 'messenger for the messengers.'"

Over the next 10 years, Reilly traveled throughout the country, taking messenger jobs in major cities such as San Francisco, Chicago, New York and Boston. She was somewhat of a pioneer at that time; bike messengers typically stayed in one city. Her purposes were two-fold, she said: gathering material for her book while completing her goal of traveling throughout the States.

Whatever city she worked in, Reilly said, bike messengers always were treated poorly. "Like a criminal... always regarded with suspicion." Unlike workers from other delivery services, she said, couriers often are made to go through back entrances to build-

ings and often must check their bags when entering buildings. Messengers are even prohibited from using the restrooms in many buildings, she said.

Even more difficult for messengers than building managers, Reilly said, was the traffic.

Reilly said that was another reason she wrote the book: She wanted the public to understand what it's like to be a bike messenger. Sometimes, for instance, drivers try to scare riders on purpose, she said, and couriers must defend their lives every day.

"Everyone I know knows someone who has been maimed or killed," said Reilly, who added that New York City is the most dangerous. "You sit there and imagine being crushed in the wheel of a semi... it's not a pleasant thought."

Why take the risks? "If you're willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done, you'll get paid," Reilly said.

And while the everyday job was dangerous, there was time for fun. She competed in the

Cycle Messenger World Championships from 1994 to 2000, traveling overseas three of those years to Barcelona, Spain; Zurich, Switzerland; and Copenhagen, Denmark.

She took top two years in a row as she was named Fixed Gear Queen in 1998 and 1999. For work and competition, she rode a bike with only one gear and no brakes. She still rides the bike on Okinawa.

After eight years of traveling and collecting information, Reilly began writing her book, which took one year to complete. The book was self-published and put her in debt, she said, so it was time to return to the road.

She went back to Washington, where, along with making deliveries and trying to publicize her book, she also was elected president of the local courier association.

She said her life was going full speed when it came to a screech-



FRED ZIMMERMAN/Stars and Stripes

**Lance Cpl. Rebecca Reilly spent 10 years working as a bike messenger and writing a book about the business before joining the U.S. Marine Corps.**

ing halt on Sept. 11, 2001.

After the terrorist attacks, the bike courier service stopped cold for a week, and became worse when letters filled with anthrax surfaced in the Washington area.

Sisters in the Navy and Air Force recommended she sign up. She opted for the Marines.

"If I'm going to go to war, I wanted to be surrounded by the best," she said.

Drill instructors were extremely tough on her because of her age, she recalled, she was 34 when she went to boot camp. But after years of riding, Reilly said, she was physically ready for the challenge.

Reilly, a Marine now for almost 18 months, has big plans for her future. She hopes to one day become an officer and would like to become a linguist, she said. She's now studying 10 different languages and plans to specialize in Chinese.

As for continuing work as an author, Reilly said she has some ideas in the works, "but now I must be the best Marine I can be" — which right now includes Marine Corps Institute courses. There are many books she wants to write, she said, "but now I have MCI to complete."

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# Franks: Candid about book, Iraq

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The former head of the U.S. Central Command and retired Army four-star thinks balance is the key — the U.S. military simply cannot lapse back into a mind-set common in the wake of the 1996 Khobar Towers attack, in which 19 U.S. airmen were killed by truck bombers in a military housing complex in Saudi Arabia.

"There was such a reaction inside the military to that," Franks said Monday, "that pretty soon, we had commanders paying more attention to how to protect the troops — whether they were Army or Air Force or Navy — over in the region, than they were to do it their jobs."

"I think it would be easy to say that actually, the behavior in Iraq is so fractious right now that the mission is force protection. That would be a mistake."

"I think the balance of, 'How can we protect troops — to go down the road, over the hill, through the village, and do what has to be done' — if we're going to move forward in Iraq, with the need to secure those kids as they're going through the village, that's a very, very difficult thing."

"And if I were counseling young commanders about to be on the ground in Iraq, I would tell them to soul-search, and to pay very close attention to their own view of how to balance force protection and accomplishment of the mission in this most dangerous place. Because you have to do both."

Franks said the continuing instability in Iraq is the inevitable result of quick action that prevented even greater hardships for troops and for the Iraqi people.

He said that it is impossible to tell, without the benefit of a few years' hindsight, whether postwar planning or the sheer enormity of the task is the reason for the continuing security problems.

"There are people who say, 'Well, if we just had — as (retired Army Chief of Staff) Gen. [Basil] Loring said — 'If we'd just had a quarter of a million people on the ground, we wouldn't have had a problem.' That might be right, but I don't know that."

"But I do know this: We would never have gotten a quarter of a million people staged for operation in Iraq and been able to get the job done through major combat as quickly as we did, because the Iraqis would've had at least the chance to destroy their own water infrastructure and flood the south, to destroy their own oil infrastructure, to shoot missiles into Saudi Arabia, into Israel, into Jordan, and so it's very difficult to say, 'Well, you just shoulda had more people.'"

But more people seems to be a recurring theme in the Iraq situation. Critics have castigated the Pentagon for calling up high numbers of Guard and Reserves, extending tours for those in Iraq and even calling up troops from the Individual Ready Reserve.

Franks said, however, that while extensions are resisted, and when they happen,



JOE GROMELSKI/Stars and Stripes

Retired U.S. Army Gen. Tommy Franks sat down with Stars and Stripes on Monday and talked about Iraq, the Army's future and the upcoming elections.

## Franks easy on Letterman's eyes

Tommy Franks is in the early stages of a 42-day press tour to support his book, which is currently No. 3 on Amazon's bestseller list (updated hourly).

Asked if he was tired from all the traveling and interviews, Franks' wife, Cathy, said, "This is nowhere near as tiring as a war."

Franks himself is just as upbeat.

"This is great! Isn't this great?" he asked no one in particular.

Franks went on "Late Night with David Letterman" on Friday. Cathy said Letterman was kind and very respectful, but at the very end, Letterman said, "Let me say one thing — we're nearly out of time — but you have beautiful eyes."

Franks looked as if he was deep in thought for a moment, then burst out laughing. That's life with a best-selling book.

— PAT DICKSON

regrettably, even more painful to service members and families would be the feeling that nothing good was coming of it.

"That's a sad thing, but wouldn't it be really sad if we were getting our people hurt and killed, and not accomplishing something?"

Franks praised the media's coverage of events in Iraq, citing Abu Ghraib as a particularly embarrassing but crucial story. "If you're gonna go to war, you get it com-

plete with mistakes. I mean they actually happen, and you see people make mistakes at every level, during military operations. That however ... does not mean that America doesn't have the right to know."

Franks held court on a range of topics, including Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11."

Franks said he intends to see the film, and said, "I do not believe that commanders should deny their troops the ability to

*"And reporters on several occasions have asked me, 'General, what do you think about being perceived as a bully? Not only you personally, but what do you think about the United States of America being perceived as a bully?' And I've said, and I'll continue to say, when it comes to protecting my liberty and my grandkids, it works for me."*

Retired Army Gen. Tommy Franks

see it."

Franks told The Associated Press that the recent criticism of Democratic presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry by former Vietnam combatants was hyperbole, saying Kerry was "absolutely" qualified to be commander in chief.

Kerry told Stripes on Friday that he believed that repairing the Bush administration's "broken relationships" would be key to fighting the war on terror.

Franks acknowledged the importance of diplomacy, but said practical considerations sometimes determine the nation's course of action.

"I believe relationships have been broken, and I guess if I'm notorious for anything, I believe it's the comment where I said: It's multiple choice. Fight 'em over there, or fight 'em here."

"And reporters on several occasions have asked me, 'General, what do you think about being perceived as a bully? Not only you personally, but what do you think about the United States of America being perceived as a bully?' And I've said, and I'll continue to say, when it comes to protecting my liberty and my grandkids, it works for me."

For a transcript of the conversation with Tommy Franks, go to: [www.stripes.com](http://www.stripes.com)

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# Shalikashvili hospitalized with possible brain hemorrhage

The Associated Press

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Retired Army Chief of Staff Gen. Shalikashvili, the former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff who was taken ill over the weekend, suffered a brain hemorrhage, according to a published report Tuesday.

Shalikashvili, 68, entered Madigan Army Medical Center on Saturday morning and was listed in

guarded condition. The family requested that no more information be released, spokesman Mike Meines said Monday. Tuesday morning, the hospital would say only that his condition was unchanged.

The News Tribune of Tacoma for Tuesday's editions quoted friends and hospital officials as saying the cause of his illness was a brain hemorrhage.

Shalikashvili served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs in the Clinton administration from 1993, the year Clinton took office, until September 1997, when he retired from the Army.

Earlier, under the first President Bush, Shalikashvili served as NATO's supreme allied commander and also commander in chief of all U.S. armed forces in Europe. At the end of the first

Gulf War, he was in charge of the Kurdish relief operation that returned hundreds of thousands of Kurdish refugees to northern Iraq.

Bill Harrison, a retired lieutenant general, said his friend also was hospitalized about a month ago after suffering a mild stroke. Shalikashvili recovered and spoke at the Democratic National Convention on July 28, endorsing John Kerry for president.

In a statement Monday, Kerry called him "a good friend, a trusted adviser and a great American."

Shalikashvili came to the United States in 1952 from his native Poland. He joined the Army six years later, beginning his rise through the ranks.

Shalikashvili and his wife, Joan, moved to Stelacoom, near the Army base south of Tacoma, in 1998.

# Idea to close base schools in U.S. opposed

## Educators, military family group cite quality of life, education for keeping system

BY SANDRA JONTZ

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — Education and quality of life could suffer for servicemen's children attending one of 58 stateside schools now run by the U.S. military that the Pentagon is studying whether to relinquish control.

"We're very, very concerned about individual civilian school districts' ability to absorb these kids and give them a quality education," said Joyce Raezer, director of government relations for the National Military Family Association in Alexandria, Va. "A lot of the quality-of-life issues revolve around a school system that understands who you are, understands deployment issues, and is a system that works for the same people who are deploying your parents."

Not all stateside installations have their own schools, and the reason the Department of Defense Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, or DDESS, system was created after World War II no longer exists, said Joseph Tafoya, director of Department of Defense Education Activity.

The Pentagon started the system because the military segregated, but many schools in the South had not. And southern school districts typically are poorer, and historically, students scored lower on standardized tests. "But those reasons no longer

exist," Tafoya said during a recent interview. "No longer are they a factor."

Segregation no longer exists, but inferior school systems in the South do, and the association fears already-struggling school jurisdictions would fall short of providing educational standards now enjoyed by DDESS students, not to mention the consistent curriculum, Raezer said.

"Segregation isn't a problem any more, or shouldn't be. But it's a big fear that the school won't be able to absorb the students. Where are they going to get the extra funding? How are they going to upgrade schools, buy buses, hire teachers? Where are they going to get resources?"

Similar themes were raised by Oliver Dalton, superintendent of Chattahoochee County schools outside of Fort Benning, Ga., home of the 3rd Infantry Division.

As the superintendent of the county's schools — all three of them — his school district would grow from 1,100 students to more than 5,000. He raised the quality-of-life issue, citing as examples a loss of community garnered from being on base and an increase of school bus commute times from an average five to 10 minutes to 35 to 45 minutes.

"As a parent and ex-military, ... I think it would be unfair to close the system," Dalton said. "It's a good recruiting tool. Parents expect a quality education

### School's out ... forever?

Congress has directed the Department of Defense Education Activity, which oversees the public school system for dependents of U.S. personnel around the world, to study the potential closure of such schools in the United States. There are 65 schools on military installations in the States that educate more than 26,900 students and employ more than 2,500 teachers.



Source: DOD Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools

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from their local base, a quality of life in the armed services, and compared to some of the rural counties in Georgia, it's much better for children at the [base] schools. It just wouldn't be fair to those children."

No decision has been made on whether to terminate the DDESS system and turn over those stu-

dents to local school jurisdictions, officials said, adding they would be remiss if they didn't explore the feasibility.

Within DDESS, there are 65 schools on 17 military installations, including Puerto Rico and Cuba, which educate 26,975 students and employ about 2,500 teachers. Up for consideration is

whether to close or transfer control of the 58 schools on 14 military installations in Georgia, Kentucky, New York, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia.

In March 2002, Congress directed DODEA, which runs the military's schools both overseas and in the United States, to commission two studies on whether DDESS is financially viable and in the best interest of the military, families and students.

Two unreleased studies sit before Pentagon leaders. In one, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers looked at the status of the facilities. The second, by the Donnan Institute of the University of Massachusetts, looked at an array of issues from infrastructure, curriculum, the quality of life, standards of learning, state and federal funding and all the educational programs, including special education.

Pentagon officials won't release the reports until they have been scrutinized and defense and congressional officials have been briefed, said Pentagon spokesman Lt. Col. Joseph Richard. "The [University of Massachusetts] study is currently under review in the Office [of the] Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy."

Tafoya said that with the upcoming presidential and Congressional elections, changes likely wouldn't be made until after the new year, he said.

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# Cover's look gets under her skin

## National Geographic calls shot similar to Army wife's 'sheer coincidence'

BY CHARLIE COON

Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — A naked woman sat down and leaned forward, and the folds of her body stacked up like flab. She took a picture of herself.

Leslie Cervantes thought it was a fresh way to portray a woman's body. She showed the photos in art exhibits. Then earlier this month, while browsing a magazine rack, Cervantes saw one of her skin-fold photos on the cover of National Geographic.

"There's my image — that's all I could think," said Cervantes, wife of Army Sgt. Jose Cervantes of the 52nd Signal Battalion. "I was kind of in disbelief thinking, 'this is so weird.'"

But it wasn't Leslie Cervantes' photo. The magazine's photo was taken by Karen Kasmauski and used for its August cover story titled "Why Are Americans So Fat?"

"I didn't know what to say," Cervantes said. "I was just thrilled and curious at the same time."

"For this photograph to come out with the same eye almost as mine ..."

Kasmauski, who has been photographing for National Geographic for 20 years, said the two images were just a coincidence.

photographer you mentioned or seen any images by her," Kasmauski said in an e-mailed response to Stars and Stripes. "Unfortunately, photos can be similar by sheer coincidence. I have often seen photos that I could have sworn were mine, but weren't."

The National Geographic editor who designed the cover, Susan Welchman, said she wanted a photo of someone who was nude and fat. Welchman said she went through about 10 rolls of Kasmauski's film before settling on the image used for the cover.

"The only unusual thing about [the photo] is that we put it on the cover," Welchman said. "That's what makes it interesting."

The James F. Byrnes Institute in Stuttgart, which displays American art for German patrons, showed Cervantes' work in March. Cristina Merenyi, who has been working at the institute for four years, said it took time for her to recognize Cervantes' photos as a human body.

"I was impressed that she dared take pictures of all these folds," Merenyi said. "It was a refreshing way to look at the body. It was interesting because you really started to look at it."

Cervantes took the photos of herself in 2000. Actually, her then 1-year-old daughter, Natalia, took the photos, pressing the shutter on a camera that was perched atop a slinky tripod, causing the photos to blur.

She said she has displayed them four

times in the States and once in Stuttgart, as well as on her Web site.

Jose Cervantes joined the Army in 2001, two years after graduating from the University of Notre Dame. Jose and Leslie, who have high-school sweethearts in Alvin, Texas, moved to Stuttgart in 2003.

Jose was a little antsy about his wife's nude body being put on photographic display, but said he supported her desire to portray women in a more natural way.

"She loves the subject matter, and she did ask how I felt about it," he said. "At first I was a little hesitant. Now I'm one of her biggest advocates and was trying to bring people to see her work when she had her show [in Stuttgart]."

Young women face enough pressures growing up, Leslie Cervantes said. Keeping up with billboard and magazine models shouldn't be one of them.

"It's almost like today it's not good enough just being yourself," she said. "I wanted to push for more of a reality picture instead of something manipulated for women to see."



CHARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

Leslie Cervantes, wife of Army Sgt. Jose Cervantes of the 52nd Signal Battalion in Stuttgart, Germany, was shocked to see the August cover of National Geographic, which sheerly replicates a photo taken four years ago that has been shown at art shows in the United States and Germany.

"You can be yourself and still be beautiful."

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In the four hours open they broke their previous high sales day record. Normal sales for Kunsan is \$8,000 a day. On the 16th, in only four hours, sales were \$14,931.45.



Above - Sra Randy Pastian of the 8th OSS and Justin Wright of the 8th MXS, cruise the frozen food aisle of the new Kunsan AB commissary.

Right - TSgt Gerardo Fonseca was the winner of the first of eight mountain bikes donated by Dunham and Smith. Already the owner of two bicycles, TSgt Fonseca gave his prize bike to Sra Anna Rodriguez of PMEL.



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## Commissaries measure up in new customer satisfaction report

By Bonnie Powell  
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An independent index of customer satisfaction shows the commissary system more than measures up to commercial grocery stores. The latest American Customer Satisfaction Index (ACSI) report gives the commissary system an overall customer satisfaction score of 76 compared to the industry average of 74 for commercial supermarkets. The ACSI score of 76 is higher than the 2002 score of 75, while the average score for commercial supermarkets overall fell slightly.

We feel that we offer our customers the best value when it comes to products, service and overall value, said Patrick B. Nixon, deputy director of the Defense Commissary Agency. The ACSI score reinforces the excellent results of our own in-store Commissary Customer Satisfaction Survey and is a further indication that our customers really do appreciate the value of their commissary benefit.

ACSI research is an independent scientific effort — an outside source of customer satisfaction data for commissaries, exchanges and private sector industry. The index is an economic indicator that measures customer satisfaction based on customer surveys. Developed by the National

Quality Research Center at the University of Michigan Business School, the baseline index was first set in 1994. The ACSI has conducted customer satisfaction research for the Defense Commissary Agency and military exchanges since 2002.

ACSI data is based on the results of telephone interviews with participants who are randomly selected, then screened so only those that qualify as customers are asked about their shopping expectations, actual experience and satisfaction with store products, services and prices. Customer loyalty is also measured.

Since we sell high-quality name brand products at cost and deliver the best service to our customers we feel the positive trends will continue, said Scott Simpson, DECA's chief operating officer.

We're also embarking on many customer initiatives such as self-checkout, and new wellness, low carb, and authentic international food sections in our commissaries. And, we've launched a new Savings You've Earned campaign that reinforces the message to all our active duty, Guard and Reserve, and retiree families that commissary savings of 30 percent or more is not only savings you deserve, but Savings You've Earned.







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# T Army cooks get taste of fine-dining

By TERRY BOYD

Stars and Stripes

ABENTHEUER, Germany — Before noon, Spc. Luisa Concepcion adjusts a bandage covering a nick on her left pinky and makes a mental note that the cutlery is sharp enough to lop off a digit.

Nearby in the kitchen of the chef Nikolaj Dickcheiver's tiny tourné-cut carrots, which must have seven perfect sides — not six, not eight — before Graves can tackle cutting chunks of korabe into quarter moons.

By 1 p.m., Graves and Concepcion have only about 10 more hours of nonstop work on their second day in the kitchen of the Dickcheiver family's La Cachette restaurant, where they're training for a week under Karl-Heinz Dickcheiver, one of Germany's most renowned chefs.

Normally, the soldiers would get to take a lunch break, but because La Cachette's masters have stopped so often to discuss technique and recipes with Graves and Concepcion, there's no time.

A lavish seven-course meal must come together by 6 p.m.

Believe it or not, 12-hour days in La Cachette's kitchen starting Tuesday and ending Thursday are the soldiers' reward for being two of the best chefs in the U.S. Army.

Graves, a chef at the Any Mission Diner — formerly the On Point Diner — at Campbell Barracks in Heidelberg, won senior chef of the year at the 29th annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition. Concepcion, from the 1-25th Military Intelligence Battalion, Hawaii, won the junior chef title.

Their reward is a week at La Cachette, even bunking down at the restaurant's complete kitchen and a fine-dining boot camp. If you have to go to boot camp, La Cachette ("The Hiding Place") is



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**Above left: Sgt. Scott Graves needs the hands of a surgeon and the concentration of a gem cutter to turn red mullet into tiny fillets, part of a seven-course meal at La Cachette restaurant, near Baumholder, Germany. Above right: Spc. Luisa Concepcion samples a savory fish broth Master Chef Karl-Heinz Dickcheiver was perfecting Tuesday at La Cachette.**

the way to go — an elegant restaurant in an 18th-century hunting lodge amid the flawless hills, pastures and forests about 18 miles west of H.D. Smith Barracks in Baumholder.

And if this is boot camp, think of Karl-Heinz Dickcheiver, a master chef, and son Nikolaj as low-key drill sergeants, pushing Graves and Concepcion to achieve something like culinary perfection.

At stake is La Cachette's reputation. It is not an inexpensive proposition to eat the food Graves and Concepcion are helping prepare; a seven-course meal runs about 60 euros per person, not including wine.

During his career, Karl-Heinz Dickcheiver has fed three German chancellors — Helmut

Schmidt, Willy Brandt and Helmut Kohl — not to mention movie stars, opera singers, NATO generals and assorted ambassadors. The standards are high.

"It's not easy to learn here," says Birgit Dickcheiver, Karl-Heinz's wife, Nikolaj's mother and La Cachette's manager. "You do it the correct way, or you leave. There's no in between."

On the second day, there is little doubt both soldiers can hack it as they help the Dickcheivers create a seven-course meal that will include mousse made from smoked trout, liver medallions stuffed with goose liver pâté, with everything topped off by a Grand Marnier parfait.

Graves, 30, of Redding, Calif., is practically an Army legend, winning numerous cooking com-

petitions as part of the 12-member U.S. Army Culinary Arts Team. He's already worked with the Dickcheivers as 2002 Army junior chef of the year. He's been cooking since he was a kid, and even ran restaurants before joining the Army four years ago. Though anyone from E-1 to O-10 can eat at the Any Mission Diner, Graves agrees it's probably not a coincidence that he works at the restaurant where top U.S. Army Europe brass dine.

Concepcion, 21, did not grow up cooking in Michigan. Joining as a 92 GJ, or cook, she remembers how important food was at her real boot camp, "but I was thinking about filling my stomach."

"Believe it or not, growing up, I was a picky eater," she says later. "Very picky. But once I started

cooking, I saw food from a different perspective."

Now, she's becoming a connoisseur, getting international experience most chefs would kill for. Karl-Heinz and Nikolaj are showing her their secrets — refined over decades of cooking — for combining ingredients for the most flavor and impact. At one point, Karl-Heinz takes Concepcion aside, cups the savory vapors rising off the huge stove, then breathes deeply. "The smell is the test. If the fragrance is good, that's how the food is going to taste!"

Even Graves seems impressed at how much is going on, and how many dishes are coming together simultaneously, with Karl-Heinz and Nikolaj somehow remembering exactly what is in each simmering pot, and where six or eight dishes stand in the complex preparation process.

Despite the rarified atmosphere, Graves and Concepcion are adamant that they will take away essential skills that will translate into better food for the soldiers they serve. There are — in the final analysis — skills that every cook can master, Graves said.

"The ability to stay organized; to stay clean," he says. "The ability to fine-tune tastes. Anyway, a fine kitchen is not unlike the Army — a place where the more you accomplish, the more work you get to do."

The last time he was here, Graves recalls on Monday, his work starts, Karl-Heinz Dickcheiver wouldn't let the Army cooks do anything but concentrate on food prep. "He didn't even let us do dishes."

Leaning toward him, Birgit Dickcheiver smiles and says, "Well, this time maybe we'll let you do dishes."

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## Stripes' reporting recognized

Stars and Stripes is being recognized by a military reporting organization for distinguished reporting in its 2004 military journalism contest.

Stripes' "Ground Truth" series, published over seven days, was written from a survey of nearly 2,000 servicemembers and dozens of interviews to assess the conditions and morale of troops in Iraq.

The winner in the category, print overseas reporting, circulation less than 100,000, was James Kitzfield, National Journal, who was embedded with the 1st Infantry Division during the taking of Baghdad.

Military Reporters and Editors (MRE) recognizes outstanding military and national defense coverage by print and broadcast journalists in large and small markets.

## Sailors rescue mariners in Persian Gulf

USS Seattle sailors rescued the crew of a sinking ship Sunday night in the northern Persian Gulf.

The master of an Indonesia-flagged cargo ship, the Edha II, made a distress call as the ship began taking on water, according to a 5th Fleet news release.

Sailors rescued four crewmembers by helicopter off the cargo ship's deck before it sank and retrieved eight more from a life raft in the water. All 12 crewmembers made it safely aboard the Norfolk, Va.-based Seattle, where they received medical treatment.

The Seattle deployed to the Persian Gulf on June 7.

## U.S. employee falls dead in barracks dining hall

MANNHEIM, Germany — A civilian employee of the 293rd Base Support Battalion's directorate of logistics was pronounced dead Monday after collapsing in the Spinelli Barracks dining facility.

A German physician at the scene pronounced the employee dead, according to a 293rd BSB news release.

The cause of the employee's death is being withheld pending notification of next of kin. The cause of death is being investigated by German authorities in cooperation with the U.S. Army's military police.

From staff reports

# New book to help Navy chiefs

By SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTTA, Spain — The Navy has a new book to help chief petty officers.

The "Chief Petty Officer's Guide" was written to help every chief who will want on his or her bookshelf.

Author Jack Leahy and former Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy John Hagan wrote the 600-page book, which includes everything from uniform regulations to the history and lore of the chief.

"It really is a book written by chiefs for chiefs," said Leahy, a Navy veteran who also wrote, "Ask the Chief: Backbone of the Navy."

The guide took three years to write, develop and research with the help of dozens of chiefs from around the fleet. The authors went aboard four ships, including the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, to research and get input.

Naval Institute Press published the book, which goes on sale this week as chief selectees go through the initiation tradition. It will be available at many Navy Exchange bookstores by the end of this month.

The "Chief Petty Officer's Guide" is designed to

guide chiefs in the same spirit as "The Bluejacket's Manual," which has helped enlisted sailors on Navy basics for decades.

"When I was [Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy], I lamented that we didn't have a repository for CPO-specific references and issues and this has the potential to be that," said Hagan, who served 33 years in the Navy, including six years as the Navy's top master chief from 1992 to 1998.

The book focuses on four major skills, or what the Navy calls the Chief's Core Competencies: leading, communicating, supporting and developing.

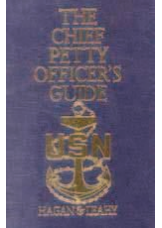
The first part serves more like a textbook, while the latter portions of the book are designed to be a reference guide, Leahy said.

The final chapter zeroes in on the history of the chief petty officer and includes stories on some of the Medal of Honor recipients who were chiefs.

Hagan said he plans to continually update the guidebook so it is relevant to future chiefs.

"A hundred years from now I'd like to see a CPO guidebook that has the history and the credibility and respect of the Bluejacket's Manual," he said. "I think we're in the first stages of us getting there."

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## IN THE WORLD

## Libya to compensate for 1986 bombing

BY TONY CZUCZKA  
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BERLIN — Libya agreed Tuesday to pay \$35 million in compensation for non-U.S. victims of a 1986 Berlin bombing that killed two U.S. soldiers and a Turkish woman and injured 229 other people.

It was the latest effort by Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi to shake off his country's pariah status, after recently settling much larger claims for the Lockerbie and UTA airliner bombing cases.

"It is a step forward for the relations of Libya to Germany and the European Union," Ambassador Said Abdulati told Associated Press Television News.

After Tuesday's deal was announced, the German government said improved relations were now possible with Libya and that Chancellor Gerhard Schröder will visit the North African nation soon, though no date was set.

The German government and companies are ready to help Libya modernize its

economy, a government statement said, pointing to "the intensification of bilateral relations that has now become possible."

Germany also said it favors developing "a new quality" in relations between Libya and the entire European Union.

The deal applies to some 160 non-American victims of the April 5, 1986, attack on the La Belle disco, including Germans who were wounded or suffered psychological damage and the family of the slain Turkish woman.

Lawyers are seeking separate compensation in U.S. courts for American victims of the disco attack.

A formal signing ceremony was scheduled for Sept. 3 in Tripoli, Libya, lawyers said. The deal came in negotiations in Berlin between officials of a Libyan foundation run by Gadhafi's son and lawyers for non-U.S. German victims of the disco bomb. Abdulati made plain that Libya was not acknowledging guilt with Tuesday's agreement.

"We see this as a humanitarian gesture,"



he said.

When Libya accepted responsibility last year for the 1988 Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, it agreed to pay \$2.7 billion in compensa-

tion to the victims' families.

On Jan. 9, Libya signed a \$170 million compensation agreement with families of victims of a 1989 French UTA passenger jet bombing.

## Bomb attacks hit Istanbul hotels; 2 dead, 11 wounded

BY JAMES C. HELICKE  
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Bombs exploded simultaneously at two small hotels Tuesday, killing two people and wounding 11 in an attack that Turkey's interior minister said might be the work of Kurdish separatists.

One of the hotels was only a few miles from where the U.S. Olympic men's basketball team is staying during the final stop of its pre-Olympic tour. The team decided to proceed with an exhibition game Tuesday night against Turkey's national team, U.S. team spokesman Brian McIntyre

said.

Two more explosions caused damage but no casualties at a liquefied petroleum gas plant on the outskirts of Istanbul, and Interior Minister Abdulkadir Aksu said police were investigating to determine whether they were linked to the hotel blasts.

Aksu said Kurdish rebels could be responsible for the hotel attacks, but added that police were also investigating other possibilities. Islamic and leftist extremists have staged attacks previously in Turkey.

One group, Abu Hafs al-Masri Brigades, which is named for an al-Qaida commander killed in Af-

ghanistan, claimed responsibility for Tuesday's attack in a posting on a Web site known for publishing messages from Islamic militants. "Istanbul is the opening for the bloody war we promised the Europeans," the statement said.

It was not possible to check the authenticity of the claim. Western experts have questioned the credibility of the group, noting it has previously claimed to be behind events for which it clearly did not play a role, such as power failures in North America and Britain.

A senior Turkish police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Turkish authorities

had no information to suggest any links to al-Qaida and said police suspected involvement by Kurdish rebels.

Another police official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity, said that explosives used in Tuesday's attacks were similar to those used in a July car bombing in eastern Van province that killed three people and wounded two dozen others. The attack was blamed on Kurdish militants, who denied involvement.

The explosions came only hours after the arrest of four Kurdish militants in the city, officials noted. Private NTV television said the militants were preparing

large-scale attacks in Istanbul.

Aksu said the captured Kurdish militants were responsible for a series of attacks in the south-east, including an assassination attempt on the governor of Tunceli province last year.

"Explosive devices and guns were seized along with these four people. Every link is being investigated. It could be the same group," Aksu said.

The other bombing was at the Star Holiday Hotel, just a few hundred yards from the Byzantine former church Saint Sophia and the Sultanhahmet, also known as the Blue Mosque.

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# Arrest leak allowed terror suspects' escape

BY MUNIR AHMAD  
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — The disclosure to reporters of the arrest of an al-Qaida computer expert allowed several wanted suspects from Osama bin Laden's terror network to escape, government and security officials said Tuesday.

Muhammad Naeem Noor Khan, a 25-year-old Pakistani computer engineer, was nabbed in a July 13 raid in the eastern city of Lahore. He then led Pakistani authorities to a key al-Qaida figure and cooperated secretly by sending e-mails to terrorists so investigators could trace their locations.

His arrest was first reported in American newspapers on Aug. 2 after it was disclosed to reporters by U.S. officials in Washington. Later, the Pakistan government also confirmed his capture but gave no other details.

Two senior Pakistani officials said the re-

## Pakistan says al-Qaida figures scattered after informant was ID'd

ports in "Western media" enabled other al-Qaida suspects to get away.

"Let me say that this intelligence leak jeopardized our plan and some al-Qaida suspects ran away," one of the officials said on condition of anonymity.

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice acknowledged Sunday that Khan's name had been disclosed to reporters in Washington "on background," meaning that it could be published, but the information could not be attributed by name to the official who had revealed it.

The Pakistani officials said that after Khan's arrest, other al-Qaida suspects abruptly changed their hide-outs and moved to unknown places.

The first official described the publication of the news of Khan's arrest as "very disturbing."

"We have checked. No Pakistani official made this intelligence leak," he said.

Without naming any country, he said it was the responsibility of "coalition partners" to examine how a foreign journalist was able to have an access to the "classified information" about Khan's arrest.

The official refused to comment whether any U.S. official was responsible for the leak.

On Monday, Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., asked the White House to explain why the name of Khan was revealed.

The disclosure on Aug. 1 came as the Bush administration was defending its decision to warn about possible attacks against U.S. financial buildings in New York, Washington and Newark, N.J.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan cautioned Monday that information may be more limited about future raids against al-Qaida suspects.

Khan led authorities to Ahmed Khalaf Ghailani — a Tanzanian with a \$25 million American bounty on his head for his suspected involvement in the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in east Africa — and the capture of about 20 other al-Qaida suspects. The arrests also prompted a series of raids in Britain and uncovered past al-Qaida surveillance in the United States.

A Pakistani security official, who also spoke on the condition of anonymity, said Tuesday that despite failing to capture some al-Qaida suspects after Khan's arrest, the country's security agencies were chasing them and would eventually get them.

## WHO plans rapid response to face-wasting disease

BY SAM CAGE  
The Associated Press

GENEVA — A rapid U.N. response to an outbreak of a facial disfiguring parasitic disease in Afghanistan should bring the epidemic under control within two years, the U.N.'s World Health Organization said Tuesday.

The disease, cutaneous leishmaniasis, usually affects the skin and can cause serious disability and permanent scarring. It's transmitted by the bites of tiny sand flies.

The disease has been dubbed

"Baghdad Boil" by U.S. soldiers serving in Iraq. About 150 U.S. soldiers have been infected there.

Afghanistan's capital, Kabul, is now the largest center of cutaneous leishmaniasis in the world, with an estimated 67,500 cases out of the country's total 200,000 cases.

The disease leads to disfigurement, usually of the face and hands, and social stigma, particularly for women and children, WHO said.

Effective control programs once existed in Afghanistan, but 20 years of war have destroyed

much of the country's health-care infrastructure, WHO noted.

Environmental damage and poor sanitary conditions have encouraged sand flies to breed and the large numbers of returning refugees — many of whom have little immunity to leishmaniasis — are particularly susceptible.

"We must act now if we are going to have any chance of controlling the situation," said Dr. Philippe Desjeux, who is in charge of the global health agency's leishmaniasis control program.

The health agency and its part-

ners, working with a \$245,000 donation from the Belgian government, are not only treating the disease, but also trying to prevent further transmission.

"This is a unique opportunity to stop a debilitating disease in its tracks, and make gains in a country where people so deserve to see improvements in their health," Desjeux added.

The initiative includes drugs and the distribution of insecticide-treated bed nets, which will help to protect almost 30,000 people during the peak transmission season in September and October.

### Wedding cannibalism

MANILA, Philippines — Four members of a family have been arrested and charged with murder for allegedly killing and eating a relative during a wedding reception — and serving his flesh to unwitting party guests, police said Tuesday.

At the July 17 wedding of his daughter, Eladio Baule got angry with his cousin, Benjie Ganan, who tripped and accidentally touched the bride's bottom, said Senior Police Inspector Perla Bacul, at Narra town in Palawan province, southern Manila.

A few hours later, Baule, his son Gerald, another cousin Junnie Buyot and a nephew, Sabtuari Pique, allegedly confronted Ganan, then drove him to a secluded place where they stabbed him to death, Bacul said.

### U.S. embassy closed

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka — The U.S. Embassy in Sri Lanka was closed and staff was evacuated Tuesday after it received mail containing a suspicious powder, officials said.

He said he did not know when the embassy would reopen.

Minutes after the embassy was shut, the nearby building which houses USAID, the embassy's publicity division and the American public library were also shut down indefinitely.

### Mexico fake drugs

MEXICO CITY — Mexican authorities are investigating the sale of fake or substandard medicine in a border town so popular among Americans seeking cheap medications that it has more pharmacies than streets.

U.S. officials said at least one pharmacy sold useless tablets labeled as Zocor, a cholesterol drug to an American citizen in Algodones, a hamlet with 10 streets and 22 drug stores across the border from Yuma, Ariz.

From The Associated Press

## Nazi graffiti scrawled on French tombstones

The Associated Press

LYON, France — Vandals scrawled anti-Semitic graffiti on dozens of tombstones in Lyon overnight, authorities said Tuesday, the third time a Jewish cemetery has been desecrated this year.

Swastikas and inscriptions with Adolf Hitler's name were painted on headstones in de la Mouchette cemetery in this southern French city, the same burial site that was desecrated by skinheads in 1992.

Richard Wertschlag, Lyon's chief rabbi, told France Info radio that the vandalism was an affront to the Jewish community and to France's values.

"How is it that after the Holocaust, someone can still attack Jews — even those who are dead — for the simple reason that they are Jews?" he said.

The vandalized graves were at the back of the cemetery, a distance from the guardian's house, and among its oldest tombs. A monument to Jewish World War II soldiers also was covered with graffiti, the French Veterans Affairs Ministry said.

The crime drew the swift condemnation of the French government.

"The perpetrators of this outrage are being actively pursued," President Jacques Chirac said in a letter to Marcel Dreyfus, a local Jewish leader in Lyon. "They will be punished to the maximum extent the law allows."

In the Czech Republic, dozens of tombstones were found toppled at a Jewish cemetery in the eastern town of Hranice, police said Tuesday.

Spokeswoman Michaela Sedlackova said that some 80 tombstones were overturned in the cemetery in the town 187 miles east of Prague. She said it was not clear when the incident happened. The cemetery in the 17th century, Sigmund Freud's brother, Julius, was buried there in 1858.

In France in May, swastikas and other anti-Semitic graffiti were scrawled on 127 headstones at a Jewish cemetery in the Alsatian town of Herrlisheim. And last month, vandals painted swastikas and Satanic symbols on 23 tombstones at a Jewish cemetery



A police officer and a municipal employee look at swastikas painted on headstones in de la Mouchette cemetery Tuesday in Lyon, central France. Vandals painted dozens of tombstones with anti-Semitic graffiti, the third time a Jewish cemetery has been desecrated this year.

in Saverne, also in Alsace. Muslim and Christian cemeteries also have been vandalized.

Despite a series of government measures, anti-Semitic violence has increased in recent years in France, coinciding with rising tensions between Israelis and Palestinians. Authorities have blamed young French Muslims for some of the violence.



## IN THE STATES

## Bush taps Rep. Porter Goss to head CIA

BY TERENCE HUNT

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush on Tuesday nominated Rep. Porter Goss of Florida to head the CIA amid terror and tumult, saying the former undercover operative "knows the CIA inside and out" and can bolster its spy network.

"He is well prepared for this mission," the president said of Goss, chairman of the House intelligence committee who was an Army intelligence operative before joining the CIA in the 1960s. "He's the right man to lead and support the agency at this critical moment in our nation's history."

Goss, whose nomination must be confirmed by the Senate, had mentioned prominently in speculation about a successor to departed CIA Director George Tenet, who left amid a torrent of criticism of the agency's handling of prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Bush still has a major decision ahead of him. He has embraced a cornerstone recommendation by the commission investigating the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks: creation of a new intelligence czar to oversee the activities of the CIA and more than a dozen other intelligence agencies. Bush has not named the czar.

House Democratic leaders

called on the president Tuesday to summon Congress back from its summer recess to immediately go to work on legislation implementing the commission's recommendations.

But Bush has said that idea does not appeal to him.

"I think every American knows the importance of getting the best possible intelligence we can get to our decision-makers," Goss, 65, said during Tuesday morning's Rose Garden announcement.

Bush's Democratic challenger, Sen. John Kerry, neither endorsed nor opposed Goss, saying in a statement that "we must have fair, bipartisan and expeditious confirmations hearings."

"This is a key position in fighting the war on terror and should not be left vacant," Kerry said. "The most important thing we can do right now is reform and strengthen our intelligence services as the 9/11 Commission has recommended. I hope that Congressman Goss shares this view and will now support creation of this important post."

White House press secretary Scott McClellan would not rule out Goss being picked as intelligence czar, if Congress creates that position, and would not say if Goss was a leading candidate.

Bush invited Goss for dinner at the White House Monday evening



President Bush speaks in the Rose Garden on Tuesday along with Rep. Porter Goss, R-Fla., left, after he picked Goss, head of the House intelligence committee, to be the new director of the CIA.

and formally offered him the job, McClellan said.

If the president names an intelligence czar, his CIA chief would lose some power in the reshuffling and essentially would be required to report to the new head of all intelligence operations.

Neither Bush nor Goss discussed the new organization, and the CIA had no comment Tuesday

on Bush's appointment. The president said Goss will advise him on how to implement the Sept. 11 panel's recommendations.

Both men stressed that Goss' experience as an undercover CIA officer would help the agency bolster its ability to use spies, instead of just technology, to infiltrate terrorist networks. "The essence of our intelligence capability is people," the Florida Republican said.

## Commission: Security czar won't step on military's toes

BY LARRY MARGASAK

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Leaders of the Sept. 11 commission told the Pentagon and its congressional backers Tuesday that creation of a national intelligence director would not jeopardize military operations.

Chairman Thomas Kean and Vice Chairman Lee Hamilton, appearing before a House military panel, said their proposal would include a top Pentagon official as a deputy to the new director "to satisfy the needs of the warfighter and the national policy-maker."

"It is unimaginable to us that the national intelligence director would not give protection of our forces deployed in the field a high priority," the two said in a joint statement. Kean and Hamilton each read half the statement to the House Armed Services Committee.

## Vegas authorities allegedly gambled with public's safety

BY JOHN SOLOMON

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When the Justice Department obtained two videos showing terrorists had cased Las Vegas casinos, the discussions didn't center on public safety or heightened security.

Rather, authorities worried about the effects on tourism and the casinos' legal liabilities, internal memos show.

One of the tapes, found in Spain in 2002, shows al-Qaida's European operatives casing Las Vegas casinos in 1997, engaging in casual conversation that included an apparent reference to Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States.

The other tape found in a Detroit terror cell's apartment had eerily similar footage of the MGM Grand, Excalibur and New York, New York casinos — three hotels within a short distance of each other in the Las Vegas strip with a combined total of 11,000 rooms.

Though the FBI offered, most local law enforcement and casino security officers declined an invitation to view the footage after it was obtained in 2002, according to the memos and one of the prosecutors in the Detroit case.

One document obtained by The Associated Press quotes a federal prosecutor in Las Vegas as saying the city's mayor was concerned about the "deleterious effect on the Las Vegas tourism industry" if the evidence became public. The mayor said Monday he was never told of the footage.

Another memo says the casinos didn't want to see the footage for fear it would make them more likely to be held liable in civil court if an attack occurred.



Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Monday he has "zero" information about videotaped scenes of Las Vegas found at the apartment of Detroit terror suspects.

"The information, unfortunately, was not taken as seriously as we believed it to have been," Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Convertino told AP in an interview, recounting how only two local police officers accepted the FBI agent's offer to see the tape.

"The reason that he [the FBI agent] was given for the low turnout was because of liability, that if they heard this information they would have to act on it. It was extraordinarily unacceptable and absolutely outrageous," Convertino said.

Las Vegas Mayor Oscar Goodman said Monday he was never told about the tapes until learning about them from AP this week. "If I were told, I would certainly tell the public," Goodman said.

Meanwhile, in New York City, the Transportation Security Administration is taking over security checks of passengers and baggage at city heliports, following warnings that al-Qaida had considered using tourist helicopters as bombs.

## FBI sting involving mosque leaders stirs Pakistani objections

BY KIRSTAN CONLEY

The Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Pakistan is protesting an FBI sting operation in which two leaders of an Albany mosque were accused of participating in a plot to assassinate the country's ambassador to the United Nations.

There was no assassination plot. An FBI informant who said he was an arms dealer asked the two suspects to launder money for profit from the sale of a shoulder-fired missile that would be used to kill the diplomat in New York City, according to the federal complaint.

Pakistan's Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan condemned the FBI sting operation, saying it was bizarre and dangerous.

"This has increased our ambassador's and our mission's vulnerability ... and could have endangered the life of our ambassador," Khan said in a statement. He said Pakistan had filed a protest with the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

A 19-count indictment, unsealed Monday, charges Yassin Muhiddin Aref, 34, and Mohammad Mosharraf Hossain, 49, with conspiring to launder money and

promote terrorism. It did not provide details about allegations they are tied to an extremist group linked to al-Qaida.

Aref's lawyer, Terry Kindlon, said the entire case is based on government fabrication. "The facts of this case exist in the imagination of the government," he said.

A detention hearing was scheduled for Tuesday afternoon.

The indictment chronicles exchanges of money that authorities allege was for the fictitious missile sale. It claims that in a Feb. 12 meeting, the men believed the attack would take place the following week.

Authorities said the men were paid \$50,000 and Hossain was to disguise the source of the money by writing checks back to the informant — from his businesses, which include rental properties.

Both men have been jailed since Thursday when federal agents conducted pre-dawn raids at the homes and the Masjid As-Salam storefront mosque in Albany. Prosecutors opposed bail, saying both men posed a flight risk and the plot involved violence.

Aref is the imam of the mosque and Hossain is one of its founders.



Speculators watch Lights of Freedom at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, N.J., last year. Donald Trump's casino businesses are being restructured under a bankruptcy protection plan that would strip Trump of his majority stake.

# Trump casinos to restructure under bankruptcy protection

BY JOHN CURRAN  
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — You could call it Trump: The Art of the (Bankruptcy Restructuring) Deal. Donald Trump's casino businesses, which have failed to share in his highly publicized successes in other realms in recent years, are being restructured under a bankruptcy protection plan that would strip the Donald of his majority stake.

Under the plan, announced late Monday, Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts plans to enter Chapter 11 bankruptcy next month, emerging within a year.

DLJ Merchant Banking Partners, an arm of Credit Suisse First Boston, and Trump would invest

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\$400 million to help the company pay down its \$1.8 billion in debt and cut interest payments in half.

Trump, the chairman, chief executive and largest shareholder, would see his stake in the company shrink from 56 percent to 25 percent, with Credit Suisse owning more than two-thirds of the company.

Trump himself would contribute nearly \$71 million, \$55 million of which would be in the form of a co-investment with Credit Suisse and \$15.9 million of which would

come from his Trump Casino Holdings notes. Trump would also give up trademark rights to his name and likeness for use in connection with casino operations.

The plan has been endorsed by some Trump bondholders, but others still must agree to it.

"The reality is that it's bitter medicine: You don't want to take it, and it's not pleasant at the time, but in the end, you get healthy," said Frank Fantini, publisher of the Gaming Morning Report, a casino industry newsletter.

"In the end, that's what's happening here. If you're a shareholder, you'll own a smaller share but it'll be a profitable company, which is better than owning a piece of a nonprofitable company," Fantini said.

# First lady defends Bush's stance on funding of stem cell research

BY RON FURNIER  
The Associated Press

LANGHORNE, Pa. — First lady Laura Bush, defending her husband's policy on embryonic stem cell research, accused proponents of overstating the potential for medical breakthroughs and said it is "ridiculous" for John Kerry to claim the president has banned the research.

"We don't even know that stem cell research will provide cures for anything — much less that it's very close" to yielding major advances, she said Monday.

Her remarks came on the third anniversary of Bush's decision to limit federal funding of embryonic stem cell research to the 78 stem cell lines in existence on Aug. 9, 2001.

On the campaign trail, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., Bush's rival for the 2000 Republican presidential nomination, was tagging along Tuesday as the president visited the Florida Panhandle where voters historically have elected Republicans or moderate Democrats.

Polls suggest Bush and Democrat John Kerry are tied overall right now in Florida and the both men are blizzarding the state with advertising.

Meanwhile, responding to President Bush's question with several of his own, Kerry said Monday in Grand Canyon, Ariz., that he would have voted to au-

thorize the war in Iraq knowing what he does now, but that he would have used the power more effectively than the current commander in chief.



Bush

The Democratic presidential nominee said he hoped to begin reducing the number of U.S. forces in Iraq within six months of taking office if he is elected. "It is an appropriate goal to have," he said, but added that achieving it would depend on broader international assistance, better stability within Iraq and other related factors.

Kerry also is an advocate of stem cell research. Religious groups oppose the scientific work in which culturing of stem cells kill the embryos, equating that with abortion. They did not want Bush to be the first president to fund the research — even with limits. Proponents, including former first lady Nancy Reagan and 58 Democrats and Republicans in the Senate, argue the research could lead to cures to diseases such as diabetes and Alzheimer's. Former President Reagan suffered from the latter for a decade before his death June 5 due to related pneumonia.

# Lawyers group: U.S. must reform detainee treatment

BY GINA HOLLAND  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The Bush administration has botched the treatment of foreign detainees and hurt America's image, the nation's lawyers' largest group said. The attorneys alleged that American abuses breed terrorists.

The American Bar Association, which ended its summer meeting in Atlanta on Tuesday, criticized the government for what it called "a widespread pattern of abusive detention methods."

Those abuses, it said, "feed terrorism by painting the United States as an arrogant nation about its law."

The resolution passed Monday responds to abuse of Iraqis at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad and misgivings about the treatment of about 600 terrorism suspects being held at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba.

It urges the government to ensure no other detainees are subjected to inhumane treatment.

Some lawyers complained that the nonpartisan group, with more than 400,000 members, was getting too political, especially contacts, building them and drafting the plan. "We used strong language because it's deserved. We need to get the administration's attention and the public's attention."

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# Election could hinge on provisional ballots

BY ERICA WERNER  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tens of thousands of Americans will vote in November using a special kind of ballot that must be counted by hand, potentially leaving the outcome of the presidential election in doubt as elections officials argue over each vote.

Sound familiar? Although it might stir memories of hanging and pregnant chads from the 2000 election, the "provisional ballot" is a new national voting requirement meant to ensure no voter is turned away. For the first time, provisional ballots will be available at precincts nationwide for those who can't find their names listed on the polls.

Yet, just three months before what looks to be another extremely close presidential election, states don't agree about how to count these ballots. Some localities are worried they won't have time to tally them, and voting rights advocates fear many won't be counted at all.

"They do have the potential to be the chad of 2004," said Doug Chapin, director of the National Reform Information Project, a nonpartisan group that studies

aggressively defended its imprisonment of men, without traditional rights, whom it classifies as enemy combatants. Government officials have said abuses at overseas prisons have been isolated, and those responsible are being punished.

The ABA's policy-making board was to take up other matters Tuesday.

During the debate on detainee treatment, Washington attorney Mark Agrast said, "If we want the world to embrace American ideals, we first must live up to those ideals ourselves."

"I don't think it's the least bit political," said Neal Sonnett, a Miami attorney who helped draft the plan. "We used strong language because it's deserved. We need to get the administration's attention and the public's attention."

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elections. "Given that you have to basically ascertain the validity of a ballot, ballot by ballot, you open yourself up to the same kind of high-stakes politicization of the process we saw in Florida in 2000."

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 mandated provisional ballots.

The idea was to prevent properly registered voters from being turned away from the polls because of clerical errors with registration lists or other problems. Civil rights groups estimate that happened to 1.5 million or more voters in 2000.

Under the new law, anyone who claims to be registered in the jurisdiction where they try to vote but whose name is not listed must be given a provisional ballot. If the voter's registration information is verified later, the ballot is included in the total for the election.

No one knows how many provisional ballots will be cast in November, in part because only about half the states allowed such ballots or something similar in 2000. It easily will be tens of thousands. In California, for example, County alone, 44,000 were cast in the March primary.







## OPINION

## Cold war model is history for terror war ...

BY THOMAS H. HENRIKSEN

**T**he publication of the 9/11 commission's report provides an opportunity to reflect not just on the lack of preparedness for the history-altering terrorist attacks but also on the realities of the post-Cold War world.

The nearly 600-page report from the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States paints a disturbing picture of a government largely unprepared for the suicide assaults on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. But what it points to in the future is even more chilling. The report reminds us that Osama bin Laden and his fellow extremists are cold-blooded fanatics and that no negotiations, compromise or appeasement will placate them.

The 9/11 commission report will be debated and dissected for some time to come, helping us to better understand the vast challenges we face. Perhaps it, along with the daily news from Baghdad, will at least remind us of the assumption that we are in the wretched Cold War-like struggle. The

current anti-terrorism campaign is not about deterrence, containment or chesslike moves on a global board.

Historical analogies are instructive. Munich and Vietnam still hold lessons about appeasement and protracted conflicts in peripheral areas. The battle against Islamic fundamentalist terrorism is not another Cold War, however. Yes, it will drag on for decades, like the Cold War, and resemble aspects similar to the Soviet standoff. Public diplomacy — how America spreads its message of hope, democracy and tolerance to the world — will certainly be rekindled. Our anti-terrorism struggle will necessitate alliances and occasional cooperation with unsavory regimes — all aspects of the former East-West rivalry — but it is not analogous.

The doctrine of pre-emption, of striking before being attacked, is a fundamentally different concept than the Cold War restraint and is here to stay no matter who wins the presidential election in November.

With American civilians and soldiers dying by jihadi bullets and

beheadings, clearly we are in a hot war, not the old, icy standoff with Moscow.

Although the degree of pre-emptive attack should be weighed soberly, terrorism cannot be prevented by defensive measures. No White House occupant can simply react to events. Nuclear and biological weapons in terrorist hands can kill far too many people in a reactive posture; jihad upends the former challenge-and-response formula. A glacially paced strategic response born of Cold War thinking will not cool the fires of jihad.

We may not engage in another ambitious Iraq war or even an Afghanistan intervention. America has already scaled down to smaller pre-emptive actions from these two major counterterrorism ventures.

The United States is opening bare-bones bases from which to launch pre-emptive attacks. Special Forces teams have been deployed in a globe-spanning belt stretching from Latin America and the Philippines through Central Asia, East Africa, and the Maghreb (Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia) to train local forces to battle terror.



Future strategies to nip terrorist plots in the bud might include surgical airstrikes, cloak-and-dagger operations, and even smash-and-dash commando raids to take out nuclear facilities or

eliminate terrorist camps. The old Cold War business as usual is over and so should be the analogous thinking.

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## ... so any U.S. plans to aid Mideast reform fit well

BY NEIL HICKS

**R**eformers in the Middle East are caught in a tight bind. On principle, they oppose the highhandedness of U.S. policy in the region. But they have to admit it's had some positive effects.

Not only has President Bush gotten rid of Saddam Hussein, the region's most hated dictator, but his relentless promotion of democracy in the Middle East has also turned up the heat on other regional autocrats and jump-started the reform debate. These days, no Arab government can afford to simply grow sluggish increasingly persistent and widespread demands for reform.

Ibrahim Eissa, a young Egyptian satirical novelist, was one of the first to have broken what is almost a public taboo in Egypt and the Arab world: He spoke well of Bush at a conference on reform in the Middle East. Eissa was willing to state a truth that few liberals in the West or in the Arab world will acknowledge: "Every Arab government is hoping for the defeat of George Bush." Authoritarian Arab leaders, he noted, would love to see a return to the pre-9/11 days when the United States turned a blind eye to the undemocratic practices of its regional allies.

But failing that, governments are having to pay heed to reformers. Take the case of Egypt. After decades of simply dismissing calls by nongovernmental organizations for change in government policies, President Hosni Mubarak in March addressed a major conference on Arab reform convened by the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Alexandria. His speech was not revolutionary, but he did embrace reform as long as it was not in response to foreign pressure and was at a pace suited to Egypt. Since Alexandria, there has been a flurry of conferences on reform in the Arab world, including a summit meeting of the Arab League. All have endorsed change, though with varying time lines.

Some, like the more cautious agenda proposed in the Alexandria conference's declaration, emphasize that political reform "should not be at the expense of pressing regional issues," such as the Palestinian cause.

This is a convenient formulation ensuring that change can be postponed indefinitely on the pretext that there are other, more pressing issues to attend to. But not all the conferences have taken such a guarded stand. The Doha Declaration for Democracy and Reform issued in June states boldly: "Hiding behind the necessity to resolve the Palestinian question before implementing political reform is obstructive and unacceptable."

At a conference held in June in Cairo, activists went so far as to reject "rule by a royal family" and spoke of the need to shake off "50 years of dictatorship." They called for an end to the Mubarak regime when the president's current term ends next year and for a very different kind of presidency to follow. They laid responsibility for the region's problems firmly at the feet of "authoritarian regimes which led in turn to the emergence of extremists and fanatics."

Some of the credit for the shift must go to Bush. Since Sept. 11, Middle Eastern heads of state have found that a visit to Washington can be a bit unsettling — nothing like the back-slapping affairs used to take place during the Cold War. Even the President of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, signed the Camp David accords in 1978, the Egyptian head of state has

made an annual pilgrimage to the White House, where he has been greeted warmly. But this year, Bush wanted to talk about more than the nearly \$2 billion in aid the U.S. provides Egypt. He warned Mubarak that Egypt's ability to deliver on promises of reform was a national security concern of the United States.

And when Tunisian President Zine el Abidine ben Ali called on Bush in February, he received a public dressing-down for his lack of interest in democracy and human rights. "I look forward to talking to you about the need to have a press corps that is vibrant and free, as well as an open political process. There's a lot we can talk about," Bush told ben Ali in front of reporters.

Despite the faults one might find with the Bush administration's policy toward the region ... the president deserves credit for having broken through the permafrost of entrenched authoritarian Arab governments. He has gotten their attention. Of course, he alone cannot be credited with this achievement, as each country is also responding to internal dynamics. But it is hard to deny that Bush's insistence on reform has contributed to what Mohamed Fayed, the secretary-general of the Arab Organization for Human Rights, referred to as a "historic juncture."

The positive signs of greater freedoms ... are as yet small green shoots of hope in what remains stony soil for reform. Having helped to create a crack in the oppressive edifice of the Egyptian state and elsewhere in the Middle East, there are limits to what the United States and the West can do to promote further change. ... Naturally, the major responsibility for shaping Egypt's future rests with the Egyptians. Nevertheless, the experience of the last few years has shown that what the U.S. president says about freedom and human rights makes a difference.

For this reason, reformers in the Arab world are watching the U.S. presidential elections unusually closely. In a speech in November, Bush noted how "60 years of Western nations excusing and accommodating the lack of freedom in the Middle East did nothing to make us safe — because in the long run, stability cannot be purchased at the expense of liberty." Arab reformers are hoping that, whoever wins in November, the United States will continue to make clear to authoritarian governments in the Middle East that repression is no longer an acceptable way to govern.

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## Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



## Young pimp charged

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — A 21-year-old San Francisco man, who admitted charges of pimping for a 14-year-old female prostitute for seven months, faces a three-year prison term, authorities said.

Dominic Ruiz pleaded guilty earlier this week after a 41-year-old man who had sex with the 14-year-old agreed to testify against Ruiz.

The 41-year-old had wavered on testifying, briefly recanting his story. He was prosecuted for statutory rape and then agreed to testify against Ruiz at trial as part of a plea bargain.

## Marijuana found in truck

**AZ** DOUGLAS — Border Patrol agents found nearly 1,400 pounds of marijuana in a stolen truck.

Operators of a video surveillance camera saw a pickup drive across the border just east of the Douglas airport, according to an agency news release.

Responding agents found a second truck stuck in the mud about a half-mile north of the border. That truck's driver was able to run back to Mexico and the first truck drove back across the border, but agents found 50 bundles of marijuana weighing 1,361 pounds in the stolen truck.

## Dirty laundry saves a life

**FL** CLEARWATER — A pile of dirty clothes may have saved Beauty Harvey's life last week.

Because of a recent hospital stay, Harvey hadn't been able to do her laundry as she usually does. So, instead of sitting on her front porch as usual Thursday afternoon, she was inside washing clothes.

That's when a speeding 1981 Crown Victoria veered off the road, mowed down a street sign and mailbox, snapped a utility pole and smashed into Harvey's front porch.

The white plastic chair Harvey usually sits in was crushed under the car.

Police say they plan to charge the driver with reckless driving.

## Summer school advantage

**NY** NEW YORK — Nearly 1,200 public school students took advantage of summer special education services, which were offered for the first time during summer break this year, the Department of Education said.

The students represented fewer than 10 percent of the 14,000 children who were eligible for the services, which included counseling, physical therapy, and speech therapy.

The summer program was intended for students who did not receive recommended special education services during the school year because of a national shortage of special education providers, the department said in a news release issued Thursday.

Students who took part in the program went to 22 summer school sites to receive up to two



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hours per week of the special education services they needed.

### One size now fits all

**ME** PORTLAND — Everyone who has been hospitalized or has undergone an outpatient procedure knows — and probably loathes — the skimpy, ill-fitting hospital gown.

Maine Medical Center finally decided to do something about it upon discovering that Muslim women accustomed to being fully covered were skipping appointments to avoid the immodest garments.

The redesigned hospital gown made available to all Maine Medical patients six weeks ago leaves them fully covered.

"This is a great example of a challenge raised by a specific community that can ultimately benefit all patients," said Dana Farris Gava, manager of interpreter and cross-cultural services.

### Not so lucky leprechaun

**NV** LAS VEGAS — The luck of the Irish is over for Mr. O'Luckey.

The 34-foot leprechaun who once symbolized good fortune to millions of Fremont Street visitors is no more.

On Friday, an early morning fire



### Try handling this

George Tippin demonstrates how to throw a tomahawk near his crafts stand during Old Lincoln Days in Lincoln, N.M. Tippin also gives lessons on how to properly throw a tomahawk to those who visit his stand.

guttered the casino icon's Fiberglas body and charred his smiling face as he lay retired in the Neon Museum boneyard.

Mr. O'Luckey had been a fixture outside Fitzgerald's Casino since the 1980s, welcoming visitors with a grin and a hat-waving arm. The statue came down and landed in the boneyard a few years ago when a canopy above Fremont Street was erected.

Fire investigators are not sure what started Friday's fire, but museum officials said Mr. O'Luckey's rooney belly was a popular spot for homeless people seeking shelter.

### More protection for owls

**OR** GRANTS PASS — The government must provide for the recovery of the northern spotted owl, not just its survival, when considering how much logging can be allowed in old growth forests designated as critical habitat, a federal appeals court ruled.

The ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco is the third since 2001 to find that the standard that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service uses to measure the harm caused by government projects within critical habitat for threatened and endangered species goes against the will of Congress in enacting the Endangered Species Act.

Similar rulings were made three years ago by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans in a case involving the gulf surge, and this week by a U.S. District Court in California in a case involving the desert tortoise.

### Video poker arrest

**NH** HOOKSETT — A woman was arrested in connection with an amateur poker parlor after police seized nine video gambling machines at her equipment rental business.

Dorothy Close, 51, of Hooksett, was charged with one count of gambling, a misdemeanor. She was convicted of an identical charge 12 years ago.

Police raided Close Rental on Sunday. Close would not comment on the charge.

### Bad chili lawsuit

**TX** FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth discount grocer has agreed to pay \$2.85 million to settle a lawsuit filed by six people who were hospitalized for botulism after eating the store's tainted chili.

The plaintiffs were among eight people who ate the chili at a church concert in 2001 and became sick enough to be hospitalized.

A lawsuit against the Fort Worth-based chili distributor, Ben E. Keith, is pending. Town Talk Foods, meanwhile, is suing Keith and the chili manufacturer, First Original Texas Chili Co., to recoup money it paid in the settlement and other damages.

"Town Talk Foods recognized its own liability as a seller of the food and willingly paid its fair share," Carl Mallory, an attorney for some of the plaintiffs in the settlement, said in Saturday's edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. The plaintiffs are members of three families from Sanger.



### Beach queens

Bernice Oliver of Central Lake, Mich., left, and other Northern Michigan Beach Queens dance their way along River Street during the 49th Harbor Days Grande Parade in Elk Rapids, Mich.



### Unflagging support

A crowd guides a 90-foot American flag as it is raised during opening ceremonies at the 32nd annual Falmouth Road Race in Falmouth, Mass.



### Getting vocal

Singers Natalie Dessay, center, who plays Amina, and Shalva Mukeria, left, who plays Elvino, sing during a dress rehearsal of "La Sonnambula" at the Santa Fe Opera in Santa Fe, N.M.



## Sky-high love

Two Red Baron Squadron bi-planes form a heart with their smoke during the 2004 Chevrolet Cup at Seafair in Seattle.



## Ponderous moment

Kaylee Fox, 9, of Richmond, Ohio, rests her head on her arms as she sits near the Scioto River waiting patiently for a bite while fishing at the 19th Annual Prospect Carp Derby in Prospect, Ohio.



## Head over heels

Alaris Todor uses a friend for support while practicing what they called "acro-balance" at a park in Fairfield, Iowa.



## Spit-tacular launch

Molly-Kate Casey, 6, spits a watermelon seed 5 feet, 3 inches during a seed-spitting contest at the DeLeon Peach and Melon Festival in DeLeon, Texas.

## Explosive fire

**TX** BROWNSVILLE — Explosives seized and detonated by South Texas law officers started a fire that burned for six hours before it could be extinguished.

The blaze burned more than 100 acres of brush Wednesday in South Brownsville after the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and McAllen and Brownsville police triggered the blast at the Brownsville Police Department's training facilities.

Burning debris that landed in a field started the brush fire, Brownsville police Lt. James Paschall said.

Firefighters from Los Fresnos and the U.S. Forestry Division battled the blaze with more than 11,000 gallons of water, Brownsville Assistant Fire Chief David Hinojosa said.

## Illegal turtle sales

**SC** MYRTLE BEACH — Myrtle Beach might want to consider a name change — to Turtle Beach.

This resort community has the dubious distinction of ranking up there with New York City's Chinatown as the largest source of illegal turtles sold on the East Coast, according to turtle rescue groups.

The reptiles can be found in the souvenir shops, alongside T-shirts and suntan lotion.

Some stores keep hundreds of turtle hatchlings in fish aquariums, then sell them when they're about the size of a half dollar. A turtle in a small container goes for \$10 to \$25.

## Prison uniforms issued

**VT** SPRINGFIELD — Inmates at the Southern Vermont Correctional Facility are the first in the state to be issued uniforms.

Now, rather than an assortment of jeans, T-shirts, shorts and shoes, the inmates wear heavy-duty, dark blue scrubs such as might be worn by nurses or doctors.

Prison officials collected inmates' regular clothing and either stored it for court dates and the inmate's eventual release or sent it to their families.

Along with the switch from what guards call "civilian clothes," the prison also made an effort to rid the prison of contraband.

So as the cells were searched and uniforms issued, all inmates were confined to their cell block.

## Fake bank box thieves

**AR** EUREKA SPRINGS — Police in Arkansas and Missouri say someone has discovered a deceptively easy way to steal money with the help of their victims.

The thieves apparently install a false box over bank night depositries and watch while unsuspecting customers drop in cash.

Officers say the ruse has been used in Eureka Springs and Branson, Mo.

Eureka Springs Police Chief Early Hyatt said the customers were bamboozled.

Hyatt said security camera videotape shows two men in a Ford Escort station wagon with no license plate pulling up to a bank over the weekend, removing the box from the vehicle and approaching the depository.

He said five customers, most depositing cash from local businesses, made drops while the crooks apparently watched from nearby.

## Cash in on new casino

**RI** WEST WARWICK — The financier of a proposed casino in West Warwick has offered the town \$15 million yearly, according to a draft agreement presented to town officials last week.

The draft shows that Harrah's Entertainment would pay West Warwick \$13 million in the first year, \$14 million in the second, and \$15 million in the third and every year thereafter. The money would come from 2 percent of the casino's adjusted gambling revenues, plus commercial property taxes it would pay the town, according to the draft agreement obtained by The Providence Journal from Mark Fleury, the one councilman to vote against the casino.

## Illegal immigrant radar

**AZ** PHOENIX — Radar surveillance technology is being tested along the Arizona-Mexico border to detect illegal immigrants.

The system was developed under a contract with the Air Force by Scottsdale-based Sensor Technologies and Systems Inc.'s being tested for 12 to 18 months, STS President Walker Butler said.

The company has been doing trials in southwestern Arizona for several months and plans to add a site in southeastern Arizona within the next several weeks, he said.

Testing of the technology is another component of the Arizona Border Control Initiative — an effort to add more agents and better technology to deter illegal entries.

## Overdue overtime pay

**VA** VIRGINIA BEACH — Virginia Beach administrators are handing out checks totaling nearly \$250,000 to middle and high school employees who supervised extracurricular activities but did not receive overtime pay.

The 1938 Federal Fair Labor Standards Act requires that employees earn 150 percent of their regular wage for each hour they work more than 40 hours a week. The law allows workers to recoup up to three years' back pay.

When a Chesapeake custodian filed a class-action lawsuit this summer alleging she was owed \$8,000 in overtime dating to 2001, she caught the attention of school administrators across the state.

Now, after months of reviewing back records, Virginia Beach is settling with coaches, some of whom will receive thousands of dollars in back pay. While a majority of the money will pay for athletic coaches, some will also repay sponsors of nonathletic extra-curricular activities, such as yearbook or language club advisers.

Stories and photos from wire services





Wax spaghetti with your "spaghetti westerns"? Austin, Texas-based Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas Ltd., a fledgling theater chain, is a movie house and restaurant under one roof. John Martin, Drafthouse president, is seen in the lobby of one of the theaters in July.

# No cell phones, no smoking, no loud chewing

Chain hopes to take dinner and a movie idea nationwide

BY NATALIE GOTT  
The Associated Press

AUSTIN — A fledgling theater chain with national aspirations is giving "dinner and a movie" a whole new meaning.

Austin-based Alamo Drafthouse Cinemas Ltd. is a movie house and restaurant under one roof. Customers can order beer, wine, burgers, sandwiches and pizza (with names such as "Porky's" pepperoni and "Poultrygeist" chicken pesto) at their seats as they watch new releases, independent or older films.

The chain, which has three Austin locations and one in Houston, also has special promotions like showing a kung fu movie and offering a full Asian menu, or serving spaghetti with "spaghetti westerns."

The company hopes to eventually grow to 200 U.S. franchises.

It's an ambitious project for a small chain founded in 1996 with one screen that showed second-run films and hosted to eccentric events — like a showing of "Jaws" at a lake where moviegoers watched from inner tubes while underwater swimmers pinched their legs.

One of the most popular events is Mr. Sinus Theater — three comedians sitting at the front of the theater with microphones, making quips and heckling movies such as "Dirty Dancin'." "Pretty in Pink" and "Karate Kid."

A side project of the Drafthouse is a traveling giant inflatable movie screen. The Rolling Roadshow, as it is known, aired "Caddyshack" on a golf course, "Deliverance" along the Guadalupe River and "Goonies" at Longhorn Caverns. It recently was used to show Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" in Crawford, near President Bush's Texas ranch.

The original Drafthouse owners, Tim and Karrie League, sold the name and all franchise rights to a couple of Austin businessmen who want to expand the franchise. The Leagues will keep ownership of the Rolling Roadshow. Drafthouse president John Martin said.

Franchises will be based on a prototype Alamo Drafthouse theater in Austin that shows new releases, some with a twist, as well as offbeat viewings. One recent example: Moviegoers who saw "Garfield" this summer were treated to the orange cat's favorite food, lasagna. A giant scratching post was set up in the lobby and the theater hosted a fat cat contest.

Drafthouse CEO Terrell Braley said most people who see movies go out to eat before the show, and the chain gives customers a place to do both.

"Rather than two irritations, two looking for seats, two bad services, you have one enjoyable, wonderful experience without irritation," Braley said.

## AFRTS Television Schedule

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2004

(AFN-EUROPE)	(AFN-KOREA)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-PACIFIC)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Mechanics for Kids	Nightline	Auto Racing American Le Mans Series. (Taped)	The Wild Thornberys	Mechanics for Kids
9:30 Strandy Days	Jeopardy!	Headline News	SpongeBob	Strandy Days	Strandy Days
10:00 Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Jeopardy!
10:30 Guiding Light	Wheel of Fortune	CHN Daybreak	Happy Days	Happy Days	Headline News
11:00 General Hospital	ESPNNews	The O'Reilly Factor	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	ESPNNews
11:30 Headline News	Advisory Block	Good Morning America	Boxing Tuesday Night Fights — James Bruff, w. Omar Shakir. (Taped)	Andromeda	Pacific Report
12:00 Judge Judy	The King of Queens	Good Morning America	Mail Call	Legends of Airpower	The Bernie Mac Show
12:30 Today Seth Green	The Bernie Mac Show	Good Morning America	Legends of Airpower	Legends of Airpower	Fear Factor
13:00 Matthew Lillard: Drag Shepherd, Today's Finest	Las Vegas 'Semper Se'	Headline News	Secrets of War 'Homelands' Enigma	Las Vegas 'Semper Se'	Las Vegas 'Semper Se'
14:00 Jeopardy!	Pacific Report	Headline News	Movie *** 'A Civil Action' (1998, Drama)	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
15:00 Between the Lions	The Tonight Show	World News	Totally NASCAR	The Tonight Show	The Tonight Show
15:30 Teamo Supremo (E)	The Tonight Show	The Early Show	ESPNNews	Duval, Tony Shalhoub.	Late Show
16:00 Mechanics for Kids	Late Show	The Early Show	Soccer	The Wild Thornberys	Access Hollywood
16:30 Strandy Days	Access Hollywood	FOX News	SpongeBob	Access Hollywood	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)
17:00 Headline News	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days
18:00 ESPNNews	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race	The Amazing Race
18:30 Headline News	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
19:00 Simple Rules	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
19:30 The Bernie Mac Show	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
20:00 Fear Factor	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
20:30 Las Vegas 'Semper Se'	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
21:00 Las Vegas 'Semper Se'	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
21:30 Headline News	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
22:00 Headline News	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
22:30 The Tonight Show	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
23:00 Today	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
23:30 Late Show	Movie *** 'North by Northwest' (1959)	FOX News	NFL Yearbook	Andromeda	Movie *** 'Ballo' (1998, Drama)
THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2004					
00:00 (11:30) Late Show	(11:00) Today	Headline News	SportsCenter	(11:00) Movie *** 'A Civil Action' (1998)	(11:00) Today
00:30 Access Hollywood	NBC Nightly News	NBC Nightly News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	The Wild Thornberys	Sesame Street (E)
1:00 MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	ABC World News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
1:30 Play With Me Sesame	CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
2:00 Play With Me Sesame	CBS Evening News	CBS Evening News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
3:00 Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes	Hannity & Colmes	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
3:30 Baseball Tonight	Oprah Winfrey	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
4:00 Headline News	NBC Nightly News	BET Nightly News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
5:00 ESPNNews	Judge Judy	Business Rpt.	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
5:30 Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
6:00 Headline News	Guiding Light	NewsHour With Aaron Brown	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
6:30 Headline News	Guiding Light	NewsHour With Aaron Brown	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
7:00 Sesame Street (E)	60 Minutes II	Paula Zahn Now	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
7:30 Play With Me Sesame	The Weekenders (E)	Nightline	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
8:00 Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Air Force TV News	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
9:00 Dr. Phil	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	MLB Baseball Teams to Be Announced. (Live)	Sesame Street (E)	Sesame Street (E)
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15:00 Aah! Real Monsters	Pacific Report	Headline News	SportsCenter	Inspector Morse	Pacific Report
15:30 The Weekenders (E)	The Tonight Show	World News	The Early Show	Inspector Morse	The Tonight Show
16:00 Yu-Gi-Oh!	Late Show	The Early Show	NFL Yearbook: Brown	Inspector Morse	Late Show
16:30 Mocha Lucha	Late Show	The Early Show	NFL Yearbook: Brown	Inspector Morse	Late Show
17:00 Jeopardy!	Late Show	The Early Show	NFL Yearbook: Brown	Inspector Morse	Late Show
17:30 Headline News	Access Hollywood	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
18:00 ESPNNews	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
18:30 Headline News	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
19:00 Everybody-Raymond	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
19:30 Scrubs 'His Story II'	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
20:00 My Big Fat Obnoxious Fiance	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
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23:00 Today Entertainment	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood
23:30 Late Show	Movie *** 'Babe' (1999, Drama)	FOX News	ESPNNews	Inspector Morse	Access Hollywood

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## FACES 'N' PLACES

# Soulful crooner Brian McKnight lives his lyrics

LIONEL HAHN/KRT

Brian McKnight's recent albums explore new territory as he matures. Each new album that debuts is a musical depiction of where he is in his life.

BY KELLEY L. CARTER

Knight Ridder/Tribune

**B**rian McKnight has changed. That freshly scrubbed performer who delivered the sadly romantic classic "One Last Cry" from his self-titled effort in 1992 is gone. For the most part, anyway.

Back then, the soulful crooner who made women cry, smile and swoon all at the same time was a married father. He hadn't experienced some of the roughness of adult life, so he wasn't able to write about it — only imitate it. The singer-songwriter listened to old soul records, got the gist of the lyrics, repackaged it, put a new name to it and earned millions of fans.

For three albums, that was his formula.

Then he grew up. And the day-to-day turbulence that often turns sweet-faced young people into real adults happened.

"I look at life much differently with much less innocent eyes," says McKnight, who married his college sweetheart

at age 20. "I pulled from all the great sad love songs. There was nothing new under the sun. I'd say the first three albums were more or less imaginations. These last four have been all experience."

And what an experience it's been.

Now 35, McKnight says he'll never really talk about what's going on in his world. He'll write about it. And the writing lately has been provocative.

In the past, he's weaved romantic tales and stories of heartache inside beautifully scored ballads. As lovely as most of his tunes have been, there's always been a pang of sadness to them, a story of wanting and needing and loving. And they've resonated well with his mostly female audience — he's sold more than 15 million albums worldwide.

But life is different for McKnight, who's been divorced for three years and isn't sure he'll ever marry again.

"U-Turn" was a record that I wrote just after getting divorced. This next record is the record that I'm making now that I've been single. And you can definitely tell. I got to the end of this record and said 'I don't have one sad song

on this, now I have to write one,' he says, laughing. "It just seems very heavily weighted the other way and not necessarily about love. It's more about sex."

On the upcoming album, "Gemini Part I," he sings a song about how he is trying to convince a fan to, um, get down in the dressing room before a show. (McKnight swears that one is not a true story, by the way.)

"Before, I had to have that image because I was married. That's the way that I was," he says. "My children are older and I don't have to be as much the role model that I needed to be before. I think that people have to police their own children. Some of the language and subject matter has changed. But the music is the same. Don't get me wrong, I haven't turned into a gangsta rapper or anything. But expletives are used for emphasis," McKnight said.

"We've played this show in arenas. We've played this show in jazz clubs and it works either way. When I first started out, I thought I could just get up there and play the music and that would be great," McKnight says. "But I learned that people want you to tell the stories and look at them and bring them into your space. Once I figured that out, these shows have been crazy."

## Musicians join up to unseat Bush

John Mellencamp has joined a coalition of musicians trying to unseat President Bush, but the rocker says that doesn't mean he has anything against Republicans.

"If there was a Democrat in the White House, and this was going on, we'd still be doing this," Mellencamp told *The Herald-Times of Bloomington, Ind.*

"This is a protest. It's a protest about the abuse of what we feel are American values. And in this case it just so happens that, yes, this is a Republican president, and yes, the proceeds will go to efforts to defeat that Republican president."

Mellencamp has joined Bruce Springsteen, the Dixie Chicks and other musicians in an series of October concerts aimed at defeating President Bush's re-election.

A July fund-raiser that raised \$7.5 million for John Kerry's presidential campaign included Mellencamp performing "Texas Bandito," which refers to Bush as "a cheap thug."

## Singer will ship mic next time

The next time Brian Teasley gets on a plane, he promises he'll ship his custom-made microphone. That same de-

vice shut down five gates at Dallas Fort Worth International Airport last week.

Teasley, a member of Dallas-based pop-rock band Polyphonic Spree, had been in Austin where the group taped an episode of "Austin City Limits." He was taking a flight to his home in Birmingham, Ala., on Thursday.

When his suitcase didn't show up on the baggage carousel in Birmingham, he filled out the missing-luggage paperwork and went home. He didn't know the suitcase wasn't there because it was under scrutiny at the Texas airport. A terminal area and several gates were closed briefly after a routine baggage screening detected the device, which raised concerns because of the wires and threading caps running through it.

## Rhode Island hosts top film festival

Rhode Island may be the nation's smallest state, but it's gearing up to host New England's largest film festival, with entries by actors Andrew McCarthy and Zach Braff.

The six-day Rhode Island International Film Festival kicks off Tuesday, and will feature 265 films from across the United States and over 60 countries. Organizers expect about 20,000 people to attend.

McCarthy, of "Pretty in Pink" fame, is making his directorial debut

at the festival, and Braff, who plays a doctor on NBC's

"Scrubs," is receiving an award. George Marshall, executive director and chief executive of the festival, said the event attracts a lot of filmmakers because it's the only one in New England where a film can qualify for an Academy Award.

## Hathaway surprised by new audience

Anne Hathaway has been surprised by the range of fans won over by her 2001 hit "The Princess Diaries."

While the story of an awkward teen transformed into royalty appealed heavily to young girls and their moms, male crowds also liked it, Hathaway said from Los Angeles. Even businessmen.

"The movie showed on planes it seems like forever," Hathaway said in an interview last week.

"Businessmen in particular got to see it that way, which is not the typical audience for the film," Hathaway said. "But they would come up to me and say, 'I saw your movie on an airplane and really liked it.'"

Hathaway and co-star Julie Andrews reprise their roles in "Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement," which opens this week.

Photos and stories from The Associated Press



Mellencamp



McCarthy



Hathaway

# Horoscope

By now, you're starting to notice a change in the atmosphere. All events seem to be converging to give you one message — pay attention! With Virgo's precision affecting so many areas of life, one detail that's asked could produce a drastically different result. Counteract Mercury's retrograde by double-checking to be sure your bases are covered.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(August 11).** You are in touch with your deeper motivations this year and therefore are better able to create a world that truly satisfies your needs. People who are attracted to you this fall (and there are more than you know what to do with) are fantastic additions to your life. You may be swept into romance in November. Love signs are Gemini and Cancer.

## ARIES (March 21-April 19).

You're not usually one to care about the approval of others, but today is an exception. You are much better off admitting that it matters. Authority figures will give you the respect you crave.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

Temptation is all around, and you're especially vulnerable to it. You are not what you wear, drive or own, regardless of what impresses your friends. Financial independence is more important than showing social status.

## GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

Nothing is out of your league — go for it! Others may resent it when you receive preferential treatment this afternoon, but what can you do? Re-evaluate old relationships. You'll find you can be more accepting and forgiving.

## CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Look at the practical aspects of your budget, and see what you can barter for and what you'll have to borrow to get. Your inventive mind comes up with a real doozy of a solution.

Loved ones make your night special.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Though you zip through the morning, you

may feel increasingly out of balance as the day passes. Make an effort to do one physical activity (this you should do every day), and also set aside an hour for quiet thoughts.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).

The details get in the way of your overall satisfaction with a project. Time away from the action helps.

One way to ensure your happiness is to put your focus on spiritual values and daily service to others.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).

An idea is ripe and ready to present, but cover yourself by applying for copyrights or patents if necessary.

When goodwill comes full circle, accept your due. Leisure is good for your heart and your productivity.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

Plans are helped along by creative innovation. What sounds like criticism is not meant to belittle you.

Family members pressure you to spend time with them, which would be annoying if you weren't so flattered.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).

Add new goals to your list, and begin practical planning, but don't jump in all at once. The research stage is the most important and will take almost as long as the application of what you learned.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).

Remaining flexible will be key now when so much is changing around you. Your emotional attachment to material possessions makes a transition difficult; get better perspective about what is truly important.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

There is much that you need from your support group now, but try not to expect the superhuman from partners and friends. Instead, concentrate on the factors you have complete control over. Tests go exceedingly well.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Romance could be with someone you seem like your opposite. Turn down invitations that have nothing to do with your immediate goals. Temptations are plentiful, but your willpower is turned up.

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Calvin and Hobbes



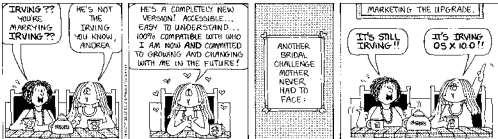
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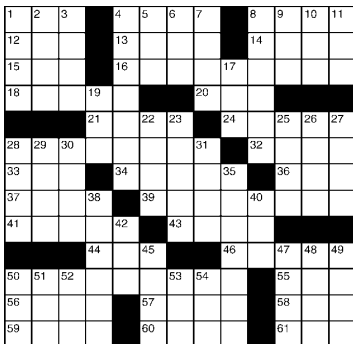
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## Eugene Sheffer Crossword



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- 12 Inseparable
- 13 Desire
- 14 Hydrox rival
- 15 Packed away
- 16 Show-stopper, maybe
- 18 Actress Jennifer
- 20 Resort
- 21 Harry's first lady
- 24 Flight component
- 28 Auditorium's dream
- 32 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
- 33 — Khan
- 34 Sequence
- 36 Antique
- 37 Characterization
- 39 Bloomberg's bailiwick
- 41 "Queer Eye" network
- 43 A slave to crosswords?
- 44 Saturn auto model
- 46 Stared studiously
- 50 Head honcho
- 55 Anger
- 56 Laugh-a-minute sort
- 57 Luminary
- 58 Pen point
- 59 Lends a hand
- 60 Reville's opposite

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- 3 Gridlock noise
- 4 Like some refrigerators
- 5 Swiss canton
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- 8 Love apple
- 9 Sphere
- 10 Teeny
- 11 Neither mate
- 12 Delivery co.
- 13 "Cabaret" lyricist
- 22 Belgrade native
- 23 Thompson or Hawkins
- 25 On
- 26 "— have to do"
- 27 Took the A train
- 28 Pointed remark
- 29 Lab assistant?
- 30 Festive
- 31 Bar stack
- 35 Yellowstone employees
- 38 Votes off the island
- 40 Shell-game need
- 42 Reaction to fireworks
- 45 Fit snugly inside
- 47 Heartstrings sound
- 48 One of HOMES
- 49 Arrears
- 50 Support system?
- 51 Sundial number
- 52 Panther member
- 53 SFO info
- 54 Potential syrup

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



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## CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW THE LOCATION OF A SHOPPER, COULD YOU ASK "BUYER BE WHERE?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L

# Don't be too hasty to tie the knot

**Dear Abby:** I am 16 and my boyfriend, "Johnny," is 17. He will be going on a religious mission in two years.

Johnny has proposed to me and wants us to be married in his church. For that to happen, we would both have to be his religion. My problem is, I don't know if his religion is right for me.

I love Johnny with all my heart, but we have very different outlooks on life, religion and raising a family.

I respect him and his beliefs, but I am a very independent person and I don't think it's fair that I have to change everything about myself.

I think that Johnny respects that I want to live life to the fullest, but he thinks his beliefs are more "right" than mine.

I don't want to hurt Johnny, but I don't think I could live the way he wants me to for the rest of my life. I want to go to college, get a good job and have a career

before I start a family. If I marry Johnny, I'll be expected to stay home, be a homemaker and take care of the children.

—**Made For Better Things in Idaho**  
*Dear Made:* You appear to be a sensible young woman.

Your concerns about your future are legitimate. The debate you are having with yourself is healthy and intelligent. Do not allow yourself to be stampeded into making a commitment. Johnny should go on his mission and you should complete your education. After that, you will both be in a better position to judge whether you are meant to marry.



**Dear Abby:** My mother and her fifth husband, "Lester," have been planning their funeral arrangements, discussing burial vs. cremation, etc. Mom wants to be cremated. At first Lester said that was what he wanted, too.

Then he changed his mind. Lester was previously married for 42 years to a wonderful woman, "Ages." He nursed her through her long last illness. Now he says he wants to be buried next to her.

Personally, I see nothing wrong with this. As far as I'm concerned, when people die they are gone. But Mom is making a huge deal out of it. She says that Lester will probably die first, and she doesn't think she should have to visit him if he's lying next to Ages.

—**Daughter of Relationship Dunc in California**

*Dear Daughter:* If your mother is smart, she'll try and concentrate on making this marriage as happy and stress-free as she can — for both their sakes. When it's Lester's time to go, he should be free to rest in peace wherever he wishes.

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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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## THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Angrillon



WHAT THE SCIENTIST WANTED TO DO AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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# Disability makes dating difficult

**Dear Annie:** I'm a 36-year-old bachelor who adores all of the bonding, caring qualities in the heart of a good woman. The problem is that I've been afflicted by a disability, an automatic date killer known as epilepsy.

Recently, after a nice lunch date at the park, my date and I visited the local roller rink. We were blading away to some hip-hop tunes, when I had a grand mal seizure. I regained consciousness in the hospital and was informed that my date, in near hysterics, had exited promptly from the building in embarrassment. Needless to say, I don't think there will be a second date.

No matter how great a guy is, if he has a disability, women see him as a liability. What am I supposed to do?

— Hopeless Epileptic

## Annie's Mailbox



*Dear Hopeless:* Most women are actually quite understanding about such things, provided you warn them in advance. We can understand if you don't want to disclose your medical condition on the first date.

However, if you have frequent seizures, and there is a likelihood that you will have one during an evening out, it would be best to prepare your date. People can handle more than you think. For more suggestions on how to deal with such social interaction, we recommend contacting The Epilepsy Foundation ([epilepsyfoundation.org](http://epilepsyfoundation.org)), 4351 Garden City Dr., Landover, MD 20785-7225 (1-800-332-1000).

**Dear Annie:** You recently printed a letter from "Steamroller's Mom," about her 24-year-old daughter, "Alice," who talks nonstop, never letting another

person get a word in edgewise. Partly because of this, Alice doesn't make new friends easily and never keeps a boyfriend for long.

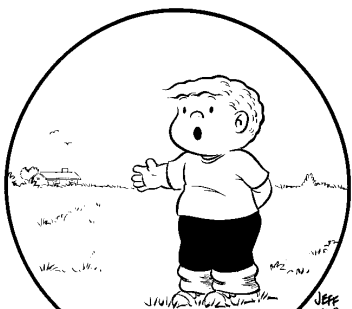
Your advice was sound, if her talking was a matter of breaking a bad habit. However, the daughter also needs to be checked for mania in bipolar disorder. Her mother's description fits the symptom known as "press of speech," which is often seen in that disorder. Many effective treatments are available.

— Thomas G. Guthrie, M.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston

*Dear Dr. Guthrie:* Thank you for your expert opinion. We appreciate the alternative suggestion.

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## Family Circus



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"Is the world round all over? 'Cause it sure looks flat in places."

## GRAFFITI

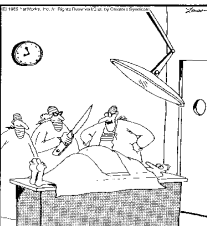
Can't get a jar open?  
Tell a 4-year-old not to touch it

## Dennis the Menace



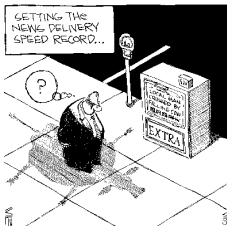
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## The Far Side



"And what is this, Nurse Wilkens? I distinctly asked for the big scalpel! ... Big scalpel! Big scalpel!"

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# Summertime, and the living is easy

## Teams enjoy accommodations at Little League's Europe headquarters

By RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — For tournament players and coaches, the living is surprisingly easy at Little League Baseball's European headquarters.

"I expected a lot less," said Josh Truini, 12, of the Brunsom-Schinnen team, which is representing the Netherlands in the eight-day Transatlantic Regional tournament. "I thought we'd be in hotels."

Instead, Truini and his teammates find themselves sleeping in bunk beds in spacious 14-player rooms that open to a lobby area, shower room and toilet facilities.

The arrangement gives the team the chance to be a team, day and night.

"It's cool," Truini said, referring to more than the dorms' air-conditioning. "It's like a summer camp."

In addition to the players' quarters, each team's living area includes a separate coaches' room with private bath and a lobby area with storage space for equipment. Also on each floor of the complex's four dormitory building is a conference room for team meetings and nightly movies for the players.

"We can accommodate four teams per building," said Assistant European Regional Director Shawn Sombati, a former umpire and graduate of Naples High School. "Last year, though, we ran the European and Transatlantic Regionals at the same time. We had 20 teams, so some of them had to stay at a high school down nearby."

The off-site facilities weren't as good, Sombati said, as officials received a lot of complaints.

"We won't do that again," he said.

This week, there have been no complaints.

"I sleep better here than I do at home," Naples assistant coach Dwight Smalls said. "There are no phone calls waking me up."

Little League helps with the teams' nutritional needs, but there is no food service in the dorms.

"It was originally envisaged that we'd have a cafeteria," Sombati said, "but that's not cost-efficient for us. We'd have to hire a food staff. Plus, we have teams, such as Saudi Arabia, with players who have special dietary needs."



RUSTY BRYAN/Stars and Stripes

**Air-conditioned dormitories at Little League's European headquarters at Kutno, Poland, house 14 players per room, with separate facilities for three coaches and a conference room. The complex has three dormitories that can accommodate 14 teams comfortably.**

Instead, Little League gives teams money to help pay for meals in town.

"You can't eat like a king on it," Sombati said, "but it helps out."

It also helps the local economy.

"Instead of us spending it here," Sombati said, "the money goes out into the local community. There's not much tourism in Kutno, but since we've arrived (in 1996) there have been lots of new restaurants and hotels opened."

The guides to the teams where they can get something to eat, as well as serving as interpreters and tour guides, each squad is assigned two local students as volunteer guides.

"It's fun," said Sylvia Spera, 16, a Kutno high school student who's serving as a guide for the third year. "I like meeting new people and playing with my new friends."

The guides also show off their town and country on days when their teams aren't scheduled to play.

"They take them to nearby cities such as Lodz," Sombati said, "or to the lake which is about 15 minutes from here."

# Ramstein reaches Transatlantic semifinals

By RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — Ramstein and Naples posted come-from-behind victories Tuesday in Little League Baseball's Transatlantic Regional tournament.

Ramstein, champion of Germany, defeated England champion Leiston 8-6 to assure itself a berth in Thursday's semifinals. Naples rode an eight-run fourth to a 13-8 victory over Belgium.

**Germany 8, England 6:** Reliever Stephen Braden used a pitch he developed in the Ramstein AAA school of hard knocks to shut down England for the final three innings.

"I was using my fastball and curve," Braden said about his near-perfect three innings of relief that allowed Ramstein to erase a 6-5 deficit on the hottest day so far of this eight-day event. "I used to hang curves to this guy all the time in AYA," he said in gesturing to tournament home run leader and teammate Chris Johnson, "and he'd whack it. I learned not to hang them."

Tuesday, when the 10-15 mph northeast breeze that has moderated the temperatures here all week died, all Braden hung — out to dry, that is — were the first seven England batters he faced, striking out two.

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The only hit he allowed was a groundball single up the middle to Josh Halvorson with one out in the sixth. Ramstein scored two runs.

Dreshawn Murray made a diving stop of the ball, but Halvorson beat Murray's throw to first.

The victory put Ramstein (4-1) into Thursday's semifinals regardless of what happens in the final round-robin games on Wednesday. Ramstein has a game left against Italy, which could assure itself of a spot in the semis with a victory.

England (3-2) plays Spain (2-3) and Italy (2-2) on Wednesday in a game with major implications for the semis. Both teams are playing musical chairs with Italy for the two semifinal berths not claimed by Saudi Arabia and Germany.

**Italy 13, Belgium 8:** Naples left behind 7-3 in the top of the fourth, but found the answer in their half of the inning when Belgium ran out of pitching and, for all intents and purposes, out of the semifinal picture.

The Brussels-area stars (1-4) face Saudi Arabia on Wednesday in their final game in pool play.

A.J. Alejandro opened the fourth in re-

lief of Brussels starter Matt Rohm but left after surrendering three walks and a single. Kevin Nelson took over and took it on the chin.

After allowing a run on a grounder by Joni Fatora, Nelson walked Devon Mitchell with the bases loaded; hit Jorgio Richardson with a pitch to force in another run, then threw the ball into right field on a number in front of the plate by winning pitcher Tyler Jacobson to clear the bases.

"I'm a magnet for the ball," said Richardson, who was hit by a pitch for the fourth time in this tournament.

To completely ruin his day, Nelson threw the ball away on an appeal play at third that allowed another run to score in a coup-de-grace two-run Naples sixth.

**Saudi Arabia 16, Netherlands 0:** Saudi catcher Colt Hankamer deposited the first pitch of the game over the left-field fence to give the Netherlands champion a quick indication of how this one would go.

Saudi Arabia sent 15 batters to the plate in a 12-run fourth inning.

The run-ruly victory eliminated the Netherlands (1-5) from semifinal contention, and nailed down the No. 1 seed for the Saudis (5-0).

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# 'Show'time for regional ump Gumbs

## 15-year veteran gets the call to Little League World Series

By RUSTY BRYAN  
Stars and Stripes

KUTNO, Poland — For minor league baseball players, the ultimate goal is getting to "the show" — the major leagues.

For Little Leaguers — and those who umpire their games — "the show" is the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pa.

One team from this week's Transatlantic Regional tournament in Poland will go to the World Series. So will one umpire.

Bobby Gumbs, who has been umpiring in Little League for 15 years, got the call-up this week. He knows it's a big deal, but he's taking it in stride.

"If I let myself get excited when I get there," Gumbs said, "I'll lose focus. I can't get nervous."

The 54-year-old from Alkmaar, Netherlands, was chosen as one of the international officials because of his competence, said umpire Bill Carter of Muskegon, Mich., one of six North American umpires working the regionals.

Candidates must have worked a Little League regional and must be recommended by their district supervisor. The regional director forwards nominations to Williamsport, where the decision is made.

"It's a decision that doesn't come lightly."

"For an umpire in the States, the average wait, once you're recommended, is eight to 10 years," Carter said.

Gumbs worked the Junior World Series (for 13-year-olds) in Taylor, Mich., three years ago. He was also an umpire in Italy in Kutno the year before that.

Little League's European regional director, Beata Kaszubka, jumped at the chance to recommend Gumbs to work the Series.

"He's a good umpire, that's the No. 1 thing," Kaszubka said. "He's been involved with Little League for many years. For umpires who support us like he does, our way of saying thanks is to send their names on to Williamsport. He really worked for it."

Williamsport is a far cry from Gumbs' stomping grounds in his native Aruba, a baseball-savvy Caribbean island.

"We had a system with tennis balls," Gumbs said. "We used three bases and broomsticks."

Gumbs began umpiring when he got to the Netherlands 15 years ago. He kept umpiring even after his wife died last spring.

"She was a scorekeeper," he said, "and sometimes when I looked over to the scorer's table my heart would ache. I would forget what I was doing. I could have turned to the glasses and the bottles, but I knew what they would help me have to get through."

Umpiring helps.

"Each game is different," he said. "It's always a surprise. I'll keep umpiring as long as I enjoy it."

Gumbs prefers working with the 11- and 12-year olds, such as the ones he'll be umpiring at Williamsport.

"I enjoy working with the most," he said. "You can't still control them."

And help them, too.

"These kids have talent, but they're nervous playing in front of their teammates, parents and crowd. My job is to make them relax, to let them know they have all the time they need to get ready."

Does it work?

Gumbs smiles and shook his head.

"They still swing at anything in front of the plate."



Gumbs

# Rockies won't let prospect Francis pitch in Olympics

The Associated Press

OTTAWA — The Colorado Rockies refused to let prized pitching prospect Jeff Francis go to Athens, which means Canada's Olympic baseball team is looking for a new ace.

"However, we respect and accept Colorado's decision. Furthermore, we wish Jeff the very best as he embarks on what promises to be a very successful career."

Francis is 2-2 with a 1.97 ERA in five starts for Triple-A Colorado Springs since he was promoted from Double-A Tulsa in mid-July. He has struck out 29 and walked only three in 32 innings.

He went 13-1 with a 1.98 ERA in 17 starts with Tulsa this season, striking out 147 and walking 22 in 113 1/3 innings.

Francis was selected in the first round of the 2002 draft, ninth overall, and pitched a no-hitter for Class A Visalia in 2003.

"We are disappointed with the decision the Rockies have made,

as we felt the Olympics would be a tremendous opportunity for Jeff and that our club would benefit from his participation," said Greg Hamilton, director of national teams for Baseball Canada.

"However, we respect and accept Colorado's decision. Furthermore, we wish Jeff the very best as he embarks on what promises to be a very successful career."

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## Major League Baseball scoreboard

### American League

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	71	40	640	
Boston	60	54	519	10 1/2
Tampa Bay	54	62	487	17 1/2
Baltimore	53	62	478	18 1/2
Toronto	48	67	419	23 1/2
Central Division				
Minnesota	60	49	559	
Cleveland	58	53	515	5
Chicago	55	59	495	9
Detroit	51	69	469	15
Kansas City	39	75	355	22 1/2
West Division				
Oakland	68	48	568	
Seattle	60	54	515	8
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### Monday's games

Baltimore 7, Texas 6	Minnesota 4, Yankees 1
Oakland 8, Minnesota 2	Tampa Bay 8, Boston 3
Minnesota 11, Chicago White Sox 1	Anaheim 5, Kansas City 3

### Tuesday's games

Tampa Bay at Boston	Toronto at Cleveland
N.Y. Yankees at Texas	Kansas City at Chicago White Sox
Minnesota at Anaheim	Baltimore at Anaheim

### Wednesday's games

Red Sox (L) at Oakland (Redman 8-10)	Tampa Bay (Brazelton 4-3) at Boston (Lincecum 7-1)
Toronto (Douglass 0-2) at Cleveland (Sabathia 9-3)	N.Y. Yankees (Vazquez 11-3) at Texas (Reggie 8-3)

### Thursday's games

Tampa Bay at Boston	Detroit at Oakland
Baltimore at Anaheim	Minnesota at Seattle
Toronto at Cleveland	N.Y. Yankees at Texas

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Oakland	61	10	860	
Seattle	51	20	719	9 1/2
Los Angeles	47	24	663	13 1/2
San Diego	47	24	663	13 1/2
San Francisco	47	24	663	13 1/2
Colorado	47	24	663	13 1/2
Arizona	47	24	663	13 1/2
St. Louis	47	24	663	13 1/2
Houston	47	24	663	13 1/2
Philadelphia	47	24	663	13 1/2
Montreal	47	24	663	13 1/2
Central Division				
St. Louis	47	24	663	
Houston	47	24	663	5 1/2
Philadelphia	47	24	663	10 1/2
Montreal	47	24	663	15 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	47	24	663	
San Diego	47	24	663	5 1/2
Houston at N.Y. Mets	47	24	663	10 1/2
San Francisco	47	24	663	15 1/2
San Diego at Chicago Cubs	47	24	663	20 1/2

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Philadelphia	58	54	518	6
Florida	52	60	460	12
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Central Division				
St. Louis	52	58	469	
Houston	52	58	469	17 1/2
Chicago	48	62	439	21 1/2
Minnesota	48	62	439	21 1/2
West Division				
Los Angeles	45	59	431	
San Diego	45	59	431	6 1/2
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Arizona	38	66	362	23 1/2

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# Mariners' Martinez to retire after season

BY PEGGY ANDERSEN  
The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Edgar Martinez's career is still in the game. But at 41, after 18 years with the Seattle Mariners, his body can't keep up anymore.

The two-time AL batting champion, one of baseball's greatest designated hitters, choked up Monday when he announced his decision to retire at the end of the season.

"I have decided that this will be my last season," Martinez said at Safeco Field. "I am very fortunate and grateful that I have been able to play my entire career with the Seattle Mariners. The fans here have always been and continue to be great."

Former Seattle slugger Jay Buhner and several players turned out to support Martinez, and team chairman Howard Lincoln said Martinez's No. 11 would be retired.

Martinez has been a hitting machine, spraying extra-base hits to all fields. Five-plus years from now, he could become a test case for whether a player who spent most of his career as a designated hitter should be elected to the Hall of Fame.

He holds the DH record for home runs and RBIs, and has the highest batting average among DHs with at least 1,000 at-bats, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Overall, Martinez is a .312 hitter with 305 home runs and 1,244 RBIs. He has 2,205 hits, including 510 doubles. The seven-time All-Star has batted over .300 in 10 seasons and led the American League in hitting in 1992 and 1993.

A third baseman when he began his major league career in 1987, he played most of his games at DH. Of his 7,066 lifetime at-bats, the best DH of all-time, as a DH.

"This is the best DH of all-time. Just a classy person. He's got Hall of Fame numbers," said Tampa Bay's Lou Piniella, who played with Martinez in Seattle. "He's one of the best right-handed hitters I've ever seen. As he got older, he hit for more power, and that's pretty incredible." This year, Martinez is batting .258 with eight home runs and 46 RBIs. His playing time has been scaled back because Bucky Jacobsen was brought up from Triple-A Tacoma in mid-July.

The Mariners began the season with high hopes, but are stuck in last place in the AL West at 71-70. "Everything has gone in a different direction — it's been hard for me," Martinez said. "It's been hard for everyone in Seattle. It's baseball. Sometimes you have to go through that," he said. "I never saw it coming."

# Rays hand Schilling first home loss

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Curt Schilling was struggling and his perfect record at Fenway Park with Boston was in jeopardy — and he knew Tampa Bay wasn't going to make his evening any easier.

"You can say what you want about strength of schedule or teams under .500," he said. "There are no patiences in this league. If you don't go out and execute, you're going to get into trouble, and tonight was about execution."

Aubrey Huff hit one of Tampa Bay's four homers and the Devil Rays handed Schilling his first home loss this season, snapping a nine-game road losing streak with an 8-3 victory Monday night over the Red Sox.

Schilling was 7-0 with a 3.32 ERA in 11 previous starts for Boston at Fenway.

"I didn't feel as sharp as usual," Schilling said after allowing a season-worst three homers in five-plus innings.

"I've won with worse stuff." Toby Hall hit a two-run homer, and Tino Martinez and Julio Lugo each added a solo shot for Tampa Bay, which had been 0-3 and without a winning streak in 23 1/2 innings against Schilling this season.

Gabe Kapler was 3-for-4 with a solo homer for the Red Sox, who played at home for the first time since trading All-Star shortstop Nomar Garciaparra to the Chicago Cubs on July 31.

John Halama (6-5) won for just the second time in eight starts, giving up three runs and 10 hits in six-plus innings, striking out six without walking a batter. Travis Harper worked two scoreless innings in relief, and Lance Carter pitched the ninth.

Schilling (13-6) allowed six runs and 10 hits. His ERA rose from 3.38 to 3.73.

Red Sox pitchers have allowed 11 homers the past two games.

In other AL games Monday: **Orioles 7, Rangers 3:** Melvin Mora homered twice and drove in three runs, and Baltimore extended its winning streak to seven by beating a four-game sweep of the Orioles.

Larry Bigbie also connected for the Orioles, who finished their first 7-0 homestand since September 1969. Baltimore moved within four games of .500 (53-57) for the first time since June 13.

## Time: Marlins benefiting from trades

TIME, FROM BACK PAGE

"We can only blame ourselves," Conine said. "We played so poorly for quite a while. We let the Braves get ahead, and can't do anything about that now. We just have to put together as many victories as we can."

One reason for Fish fans to be encouraged: Deals that brought in five players just before the trade deadline are already paying dividends. Guillermo Mota has provided welcome relief pitching, Ismael Valdez threw six shutouts in his first start, and catcher Paul Lo Duca — "Do Luca" to McKee — is batting .500 with eight RBIs in 18 at-bats.

"We're a much better club than we were before," McKee said. "Last season's manager of the year has been saddled for most of 2004 with a sputtering offense, an unreliable bullpen and a rotation



Boston Red Sox manager Terry Francona, center, pulls pitcher Curt Schilling as catcher Jason Varitek looks on, after Schilling gave up three runs in the sixth inning against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday in Boston. The Devil Rays beat the Red Sox 8-3.

Dave Borkowski (3-2) pitched six innings of four-hit ball, beating Mike Bacsik (1-1) and giving the Orioles their longest winning streak since September 1999.

**Blue Jays 5, Yankees 4:** Gabe Gross hit his first major league home run, Josh Towers took a shutout into the seventh inning and visiting Toronto won in John Gibbons' first game as manager to stop a five-game losing streak.

A day after Toronto first manager Carlos Tosca and replaced him with Gibbons for the rest of the season, the last-place Blue Jays built a 5-0 lead in winning the finale of the four-game series.

They kept Esteban Loaiza (9-6) winless in two starts since the Yankees acquired him from the Chicago White Sox on July 31 for Jose Contreras.

**Indians 13, White Sox 11:** Ben Broussard hit his second career grand slam and Omar Vizquel, Travis Hafner and Casey Blake added solo home runs to send visiting Cleveland over Chicago.

Jose Valentin homered twice for the White

Sox, who trailed 8-0 in the sixth inning. But after Chicago rallied for three runs in the ninth, Valentin popped up with a runner on for the final out.

Cleveland hung on for its fifth win in six games and moved past the White Sox for second place in the AL Central. Chicago lost for the 12th time in 15 games.

**Angels 5, Royals 3:** Second baseman Ruben Goyara's throwing error allowed the go-ahead runs to score, and Anaheim rallied in the ninth inning again to beat the Royals.

The Angels completed their first four-game sweep in Kansas City and extended their winning streak to five.

**Athletics 8, Twins 2:** Mark Kotsay and Scott Hatteberg each drove in two runs, and Rich Harden gave Oakland's bullpen a rest in a victory over home-standing Minnesota.

A day after each team went down seven pitchers in Oakland's 18-inning victory, starters Harden and Kyle Lohse each pitched into the seventh. The A's took three of four from Minnesota in a matchup of AL division leaders.



Left-hander Dontrelle Willis, the 2003 NL Rookie of the Year, is only 8-8 with a 3.85 ERA this season for the Florida Marlins.

that failed to blossom as expected. Nevertheless, Lo Duca said, the Marlins retain a championship aura.

"There's something to be said for people who know how to win," he said. "You see certain guys go to different teams and keep winning, and I think that's what we have here. I really feel we're going to win here. These guys know what it takes to get it done."

## Castilla double ruins Jones' debut in Philly

BY ROB MAADI  
The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Todd Jones' first appearance in Philadelphia ended with him getting booted off the mound.

Vinny Castilla's tiebreaking, two-run double off Jones with two outs in the eighth inning led the Colorado Rockies past the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2 on Monday night.

The Phillies felt six games behind NL East-leading Atlanta in their first home game since starting a 13-game road trip just a half-game back of the Braves.

Philadelphia trails Chicago by 3 1/2 games in the wild-card race. "It's definitely not my dream Philly entrance," said Jones, who allowed three runs in the eighth in his worst outing since coming to the Phillies in a trade on July 30. "It's a good baseball town. They expect a lot and I expect a

lot. I've been around long enough to know when I stunk."

Before the game, Philadelphia bolstered its ailing rotation, acquiring right-hander Cory Lidle from Cincinnati for two minor leaguers and a player to be named.

But the Phillies also learned slugger Pat Burrell will have season-ending wrist surgery.

Colorado, which has the third-worst record in the NL, improved to 3-1 since trading outfielder Larry Walker to St. Louis.

Castilla is second in the NL with 94 RBIs. Jamey Wright gave up two runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings in his fourth start since signing with the Rockies last month. Tim Lincecum (5-2) walked one batter in three innings of an inning. Steve Reed got two outs in the eighth inning and Shawn Chacon worked the ninth for his 27th save in 35 chances.



# Loss of Burrell a blow to Phillies

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies slugger Pat Burrell will have season-ending surgery to his wrist Friday, another blow to Philadelphia's playoff hopes.

Burrell, who injured himself in batting practice last Tuesday, was hitting .263 with 18 homers

and 68 RBIs. He'll be replaced in left field by a combination of Doug Glavine, Jason Michaels and rookie Lou Collier.

"It's terrible," Burrell said Monday. "The timing is awful because we are playing good at this time. The guys are starting to come together in the last six days and things have been going pretty good. To not be a part of it is tough, but you have to deal with it, take care of the problem and hopefully be ready for spring training."

The injury-plagued Phillies trail the NL East-leading Atlanta Braves by 6 games and are in the middle of the wild-card race.

Philadelphia also is minus closer Billy Wagner, starter Kevin Millwood and top setup reliever Ryan Madson. Third baseman David Bell is day-to-day with back spasms, and right-hander Vicente Padilla is due to return from the disabled list on Tuesday. "Early in the day, General Manager Ed Wade bolstered Philadelphia's rotation, acquiring right-hander Cory Lidle from Cincinnati for two minor leaguers and a player to be named."

## Dodgers RHP Penny to miss turn in rotation

LOS ANGELES — Dodgers pitcher Brad Penny has a strained right biceps and is expected to miss one start after being forced to leave a weekend game because of a pain in his arm. Making his second start after being acquired in a trade with Florida, the right-hander led Sunday's fight after throwing only 14 pitches against Philadelphia.

An MRI exam Monday revealed there were neither tears nor structural damage in his arm, Los Angeles spokesman John Olgin said.

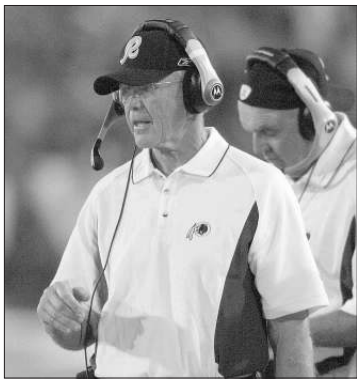
## Tigers place Sanchez on DL

DETROIT — Tigers outfielder Alex Sanchez was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a strained right thigh. Detroit also recalled outfielder Nook Logan from Erie-A Toledo, and he will join the Tigers for the second time this season.

## A's Bradford has strained back

MINNEAPOLIS — The Oakland Athletics placed right-handed reliever Chad Bradford on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a strained back.

The 35-year-old Bradford's roster spot with right-hander Jairo Garcia from Triple-A Sacramento.



Washington Redskins head coach Joe Gibbs directs his team in the second quarter during the Pro Football Hall of Fame game against the Denver Broncos on Monday in Canton, Ohio.

# Gibbs, Redskins pass first test vs. Broncos

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — It was exhausting and exhilarating. And it was fun.

Joe Gibbs returned to NFL coaching Monday night, guiding the Washington Redskins to a 20-17 victory over the Denver Broncos in the Hall of Fame game. While hardly an artistic masterpiece, the win was significant to the coach who already is enshrined in Canton.

"It means a lot for me, because our guys worked extremely hard in the offseason and they went out and played extremely hard," Gibbs said. "And we had to overcome some adversity."

"We were kind of nervous and uptight. It meant a lot to us, probably more than to Denver. It's a tough deal over there, but it was fun being back."

Gibbs' Redskins — it's been 12 years since anyone could claim that — won on a last-second, 39-yard field goal by backup Ola Kimrin. But Gibbs saw enough mistakes to fill an entire preseason.

And then some. Still, the Redskins marched efficiently to the winning kick behind third-string quarterback Tim Hasselbeck, offsetting a long night of general inefficiency.

"It's a learning process, and that's the best thing about it," Gibbs said. "It's a little difficult to be back in the heat of battle, like taking a mental test. You really struggle when you can't get things going."

The Broncos were even worse for most of the game, although that franchise's only Hall of Famer, John Elway, certainly couldn't complain. His weekend was made on Sunday, when he

## Tackle Jansen out for season

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio — Washington Redskins right tackle Jon Jansen ruptured his left Achilles tendon in the first quarter of a 20-17 exhibition victory over Denver in the Hall of Fame game on Monday night. Jansen, a six-year player who has never missed an NFL start, was helped off the field by trainers and teammates and sat on the bench for several minutes, his hand covering his face. He then was carted off.

The injury will sideline Jansen for the season.

"I've never missed a practice or a game," said Jansen, a first-round draft pick in 1999 who instantly became a starter. "It's disappointing, especially with a new coaching staff and we have a lot of expectations and excitement."

was inducted into the shrine along with Barry Sanders, Carl Eller and Bob Brown.

Fourth-string quarterback Mike Quinn led Denver's 13-play, 58-yard drive that was capped by a 2-yard TD pass to Jet Zubtzer and drew the Broncos to 17-15. Quinn hit Charlie Adams for the 2-point conversion to tie it.

Back came Washington, with a 35-yard pass from Hasselbeck to Darmeren McCants sparking the winning march. Backup kicker Kimrin didn't flinch on his attempt, and Gibbs was a winner again.

"It feels good to get us out of there a little earlier," Kimrin said with a laugh.

# Giants shaking up special teams, line

The Associated Press

Giving second-round draft pick Chris Snee a starting job on the New York Giants' offensive line has been a move expected from new coach Tom Coughlin.

Having starters Tiki Barber and Amani Toomer as potential punt returners for the pre-season opener against Kansas City was a switch almost no one anticipated.

Coughlin made both moves on Monday, shifting

David Diehl to

right tackle and giving Snee, his son-in-law, the open spot at right guard. The change put Ian Allen, who started 11 games at right tackle last season, in a backup role and makes Snee a starter before Eli Manning, the first pick in last April's draft, who is trying to beat out veteran Kurt Warner at quarterback.

The move that seemed to catch the players off guard was the decision to waive return man Delvin Joyce. It left Barber and Toomer as the leading candidates to return punts on Friday against the Chiefs.

Barber and Toomer were stunned.

"I was surprised they let Delvin go, but whatever it takes for this team to win, I'll do," said Barber, who was the Giants' punt returner from 1999-2001, returning one for a touchdown.

Toomer, who has had five straight 1,000-yard receiving seasons, chose his words carefully. He began as a punt returner, turning three for TDs in two seasons. But he has had only nine regular-season returns since 1999.

Rookie receiver Jamar Taylor is a candidate to return punts, but the sixth-round draft pick is a question mark because he is coming back from reconstructive knee surgery.

The shakeup on the offensive line was not a surprise.

Diehl, who started every game as a rookie at right guard, shared work with Allen at right tackle last week. That allowed Snee to get snaps at right guard.

"It's something I was prepared for," said Diehl, who played both tackle and guard in college at Illinois. "It's something I have continued to work on the past year and half. Even last year, I took tackle reps so I would not get rusty."

Dolphins: Miami linebacker Zach Thomas practiced for the first time since training camp opened. Thomas, who led the Dolphins in tackles seven of the past eight seasons, had surgery a month ago to repair torn cartilage in his left knee.

Receiver Derrius Thompson, safety Chris Atkins (leg) and cornerbacks Patrick Surtain (groin) and Sam Madison (hamstring) sat out practice Monday.

Injured receiver David Boston had successful surgery to repair a torn tendon in his left knee, but he'll miss the entire season.

## NFL Camps

**Titans:** A second opinion confirmed that linebacker Peter Sirmon will need season-ending surgery to repair his injured left knee. Sirmon, the starter for the Titans at left outside linebacker the past two seasons, hurt his knee during a non-contact drill a week ago.

**Chargers:** The Chargers broke off talks with unsigned quarterback Philip Rivers.

Reversers, chosen by the Giants with the No. 4 pick in the draft, was acquired by the Chargers in the deal that sent quarterback Eli Manning to New York.

"This is very disappointing and unfortunate," Chargers General Manager A.J. Smith said Monday. "We wanted to get him signed before the reporting date, we made an effort. We tried, and we couldn't come to an agreement. He had an offer until 5 p.m. Sunday. That was rejected, and now we're off the table."

It will only go down from there. Smith said the Chargers' proposal wasn't a slot offer and exceeds the deals for Robert Gallery and Larry Fitzgerald, who were selected with the second and third overall picks.

**Panthers:** The Carolina Panthers' unsettled offensive line took a blow Monday when projected starting right tackle Adam Meadows abruptly retired.

The 30-year-old signed a five-year, \$15 million contract with the Panthers as a free agent March 9, but was kept out of most of training camp by persistent shoulder problems. The team encourages Meadows to undergo treatment for arthritis in the shoulder, but Meadows decided to call it quits.

Meadows, who spent his first eight seasons with Indianapolis, agreed to pay back his entire \$2.5 million signing bonus, general manager Marty Murney said.

**Cowboys:** Keyshawn Johnson was returning to training camp in Oxnard, Calif., after some time off.

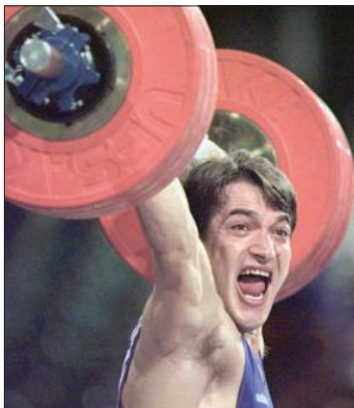
Coach Bill Parcells said Monday that only one player was late in returning, but wouldn't say who it was. Johnson confessed to reporters, just like he had to the coaches.

Johnson said he expected to be fined about \$7,500. He was about 15 minutes late after spending the day in nearby Santa Barbara, where he was relaxing at a country-club resort with his wife and son.

**Jaguars:** Wide receiver Jimmy Smith missed practice Monday with a minor back injury that coach Jack Del Rio said was a strain on an ache.

Smith caught 54 passes for 805 yards and four touchdowns last season, but was serving a four-game suspension for violating the league's substance-abuse policy.

Invasive end Tony Brackens will likely miss the rest of this week's practice due to a strained muscle behind his right knee.



Pyros Dimas of Greece, shown setting a world record of 83 kilograms in the snatch portion of the 1996 Olympic weightlifting competition, is a superstar in his adopted homeland as the Olympics come to Athens.

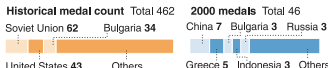
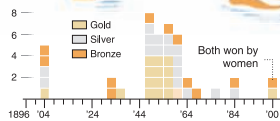
#### NIKIAIA OLYMPIC WEIGHTLIFTING HALL

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Weightlifting is one of the original Olympic sports and since 2000 women have competed in the event. The sport of lifting weights goes back to ancient times — a stone weighing 316 pounds was found at Olympia with an inscription for a Greek weightlifter named Bybon, who lifted the rock over his head with one hand.

#### U.S. medals, men and women



SOURCES: International Olympic Committee; International Weightlifting Federation; USA Weightlifting

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# Scolded shoulders carry Greek hopes

## Dimas, Kakiavasilis give hosts a strong 1-2 punch; Cunningham returns to defend surprise 2000 gold

By ALAN ROBINSON  
The Associated Press

The Super Bowl is a certain TV ratings generator in the United States. In England, World Cup soccer does the trick. In Greece, there's Pyros Dimas and Kaki Kakiavasilis.

They may be virtually unknown to all but the most devout of Olympic watchers in America, but in their adopted homeland Dimas and Kakiavasilis are as real-as-it gets reality TV.

When they each compete for a fourth Olympic gold medal in Athens this summer, records are likely to be broken, and not just on the lifting platform.

Just how big are the two in Greek culture — even if, for the moment, they're not as big as Greece's surprise European soccer champions? Greeks simply refer to Dimas with the one-word identifier Pyros, much as Americans do with Tiger or Shaq. When he and Kakiavasilis lift during an Olympics, it's not just sports fans who watch but virtually the entire country.

Dimas' 1992 gold medal in Barcelona caused such joy in Greece that 60,000 fans later jammed the original Olympic stadium to celebrate and another 30,000 mingled outside. When Dimas and Kakiavasilis both won gold in Atlanta four years later, after Kakiavasilis had emigrated from Tsinvali, Georgia, the TV ratings were the second highest in Greek history despite starting times past midnight local time.

Want to guess the magnitude of the celebration should Dimas, Kakiavasilis or both win record-tying fourth gold medals on their home soil? To date, only three athletes have won four golds in an individual Olympic event.

There's just one problem, and it worries every Greek sports fan as the Olympics approach: There could be rust on that gold.

Despite promising in Sydney that he wouldn't do so, Dimas (a native of Chimarra, Albania) spent most of the past four years out of competition.

He returned to finish a disappointing fourth at 187 pounds (85 kg) in the European championships in April, just as Kakiavasilis did at 207 pounds (94 kg).

Both looked plenty strong enough but understandably struggled with their technique following long layoffs; after Sydney, Kakiavasilis didn't compete until failing to place in the 2003 European championships.

There's some precedence here, too, and it doesn't offer much room for optimism for either weightlifter.

*"I think I do have the ability to be in medals and, honestly, I do believe I'm there. ... I'm not looking at finishing fifth or something here again. It's going to be all or nothing for me."*

Shane Hamman  
U.S. super heavyweight

Naim Suleymanoglu, the Turkish star known as Pocket Hercules, tried to win a fourth gold medal in Sydney following a three-year layoff but didn't complete a single lift. Turkey's disappointment was smoothed by the equally small and equally strong Halil Mutlu's second gold. Now, the 4-foot-11 Mutlu will go for a third straight gold that would tie him with Pocket Hercules, this time at Suleymanoglu's old weight (137 pounds, 62 kg).

Also looking to make the record books is German super heavyweight Ronny Weller, who can become the first weightlifter to win five Olympic medals — so far, he has a gold, two silvers and a bronze. But Weller also looked rusty while failing to place in the European championships and, at age 35, he competes in the same class as returning gold medalist Hossein Rezaeadeh, the world's top lifter the past couple of years.

No American man has won an Olympic weightlifting medal since 4-foot-10 gold medalist Charles Vinci in 1960, and it will be a surprise if any of the three on this year's team do so.

Super heavyweight Shane Hamman is a training companion Greco-Roman wrestling champion Rulon Gardner and holds every U.S. record, but has yet to close the considerable gap with the elite lifters. His best two-lift total of 940½ pounds is nearly 100 pounds below Rezaeadeh's best.

"But I'm going to load up the weight and I'm going to try it," the 345-pound Hamman said. "I think I do have the ability to be in medals and, honestly, I do believe I'm there. ... I'm not looking at finishing fifth or something here again. It's going to be all or nothing for me."

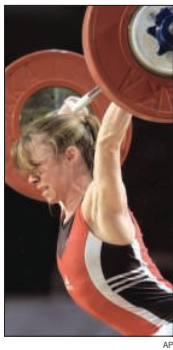
The United States' top medal hopes probably are the same as in 2000: returning 105½-pound gold medalist Tara Cunningham and super heavyweight Cheryl Ann Haworth, who took home a bronze from Sydney at age 19.

Cunningham, known as Tara Nott before she got married, had never finished above sixth against world-class competition until her surprising second in Sydney. A bigger surprise came three days later when Isabela Draganeva of Bulgaria failed a drug test and lost her gold medal, which then went to Cunningham. It was one of three such failed tests for the Bulgarian team, which was briefly thrown out of the Games until being reinstated on appeal.

The 32-year-old Cunningham hasn't been a big player on the world stage since Sydney, placing seventh in the past two world championships. But she decided to hold off retirement until after Athens, saying, "I feel blessed to be able to do this, and I felt led to try to do this."

Haworth sat out last year's world championships following elbow surgery but was fourth in 2002 at age 19.

Just as in Sydney, the Chinese women expect to dominate. They won the maximum four events they were permitted to enter in 2000 and probably could have gone 7-for-7. Again, their biggest problem may be deciding which three potential Olympic champions to sit down.



Tara Cunningham returns to defend the gold medal she won at 105½ pounds four years ago.

# Lawyers for Bryant's accuser attack judge's new gag order

BY JUDITH KOHLER  
The Associated Press

DENVER — Lawyers for the woman accusing Kobe Bryant of rape said even Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh was treated more fairly than she was, and have accused the judge of trying to protect himself by imposing an unconstitutional gag order.

In a court filing released Monday, John Clune and L. Lin Wood said their client was "devastated" by some of the NBA star's evidence that was mistakenly released by the court.

The lawyers said District Judge Terry Ruckriegle's gag order — expanded last week after they appeared on national television on Aug. 5 — means that "only the rapist's version of events will be disseminated to the media."

"Even Timothy McVeigh had a right to speak. No less right belongs to a rape victim," the attorneys wrote.

The courts said McVeigh, executed in June 2001 for the Oklahoma City bombing, could speak with the media to counter negative publicity about him, Clune and Wood wrote in their filing.

To prevent future mistakes, lawyers on both sides had asked Ruckriegle to stop posting case filings on the court's Web site but Ruckriegle rejected that motion Monday.

In both instances, the release of material from closed-door, pretrial hearings is the core issue. In their scathing motion, Clune and Wood said the expanded gag order lets stand the "devastating, one-sided account" from closed hearings into whether the alleged victim's sexual history should be entered as evidence.

Clune and a prosecution spokeswoman declined comment.

Transcripts accidentally e-mailed to seven media outlets focused primarily on a defense expert's opinion that the woman had sex with someone after Bryant and before her hospital exam, and a defense claim that she is pursuing the case for monetary reasons.

The 25-year-old Los Angeles Lakers superstar has said the 20-year-old woman consented to sex with him last summer at the Vail-area resort where she worked.

The media, including The Associated Press, challenged Ruckriegle's order barring publication of the transcripts. Under pressure from the U.S. Supreme Court, Ruckriegle released edited versions.

Clune and Wood argued that the court is trying to use the gag order to prevent "public comment and criticism regarding the frequent prejudicial er-

rors by which this court has permitted the victim's name to be released and her character, credibility and reputation to be attacked," Clune and Wood wrote.

Former Denver prosecutor Craig Silverman, who has been following the case, described the salvo from the woman's attorneys as "scapegoating the court."

"The court has made mistakes, but it did not make up this 'devastating' new information about the accuser having sex with Mr. X," Silverman said.

Silverman said although the expanded gag order, which covers more people, may have constitutional problems, the motion lambasting it "has done a masterful job" of deflecting attention from what was in the transcripts.

Ruckriegle apologized during a July 30 hearing for the inadvertent release of information. He has ruled, however, that the woman's sex life in the three days before her July 1, 2003, hospital exam can be used as evidence because it is relevant to help determine the cause of her injuries, the source of DNA evidence and her credibility.

Bryant is charged with felony sexual assault. If convicted, he faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation, and a fine up to \$750,000.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Aug. 27.

## Houston signs PGs Ward, Sura

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Rockets addressed their point guard problems on Monday with the signings of free agents Charlie Ward and Bob Sura.

Terms of their contracts were not released by the team.

The veterans will compete for playing time with recently acquired guard Tyronn Lue.

The Rockets are in need of a point guard after Steve Francis was traded to the Orlando Magic in a seven-player deal that sent two-time league scoring champ Tracy McGrady to Houston.

Starting shooting guard Cutino Mobley was also dealt to the Magic, though McGrady will take over there.

Ward, a 10-year NBA veteran, spent most of his career with the New York Knicks. He will be reunited with Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy, who led the Knicks from 1995 to 2001.

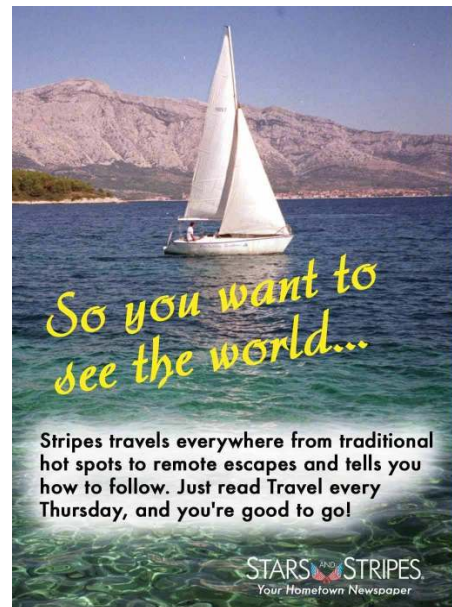
Sura, a nine-year veteran who can play either guard spot, started his career with Cleveland, before moving to Golden State, Detroit and Atlanta.

### Hudson re-signs with Timberwolves

MINNEAPOLIS — The Minnesota Timberwolves re-signed point guard Troy Hudson on Monday, a month after the two sides agreed to terms on a contract worth up to \$37 million over six years.

Complicated provisions in the deal regarding Hudson's health — he missed the playoffs and all but 29 regular-season games with a sprained ankle — were the source of the holdup.

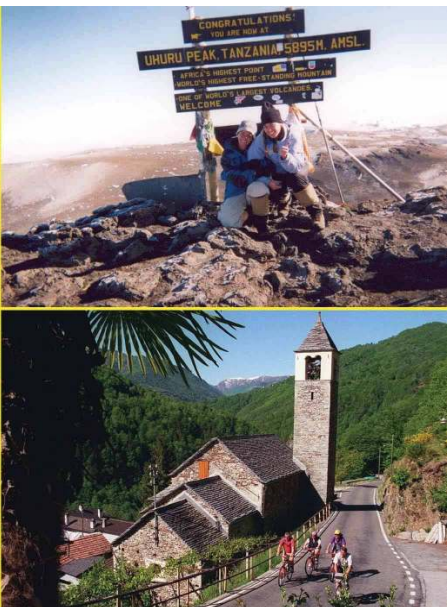
The first four years of the deal are guaranteed, and the fifth is dependent on Hudson playing 65 games in any of the four years. The sixth year is dependent on Hudson reaching incentives.



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# Time running out for Marlins encore

## Poor play, tough schedule stack odds against defending World Series champs

BY STEVEN WINE  
The Associated Press

**B**efore the Florida Marlins' most recent game, Jack McKeon and Jeff Conine crossed paths in the locker room and greeted each other wrongly but warmly.

"Hey, Jim," McKeon said.

"Hi, Bill," Conine replied.

In his second season as the Marlins' manager, the 73-year-old McKeon still mangles the names of his players, sometimes intentionally and always to their amusement. Thanks in large part to his Stenoglossian personality and "let's have fun" philosophy, the Florida clubhouse again ranks as perhaps the merriest in baseball.

But in the standings, the defending World Series champions aren't doing so well. With a 55-55

record, they're a season-worst eight games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East, and 5½ back in the wild-card race, trailing four teams.

"I wouldn't say our backs are against the wall," center fielder Juan Pierre said. "But they're pretty close to it."

After failing to take advantage of a soft stretch in the schedule, Florida next plays three games against the St. Louis Cardinals, who own the best record in the major leagues.

"That's good," McKeon said. "We like to see them when they come in hot. They're due to cool off. Hopefully it'll be here."

The Marlins want to believe the stage is set for another improbable title run. Last year they came from behind in the wild-card race and closed with a 32-14 spurt, postseason included.

But their deficit's more daunting this time. On Aug. 10, 2003, the Marlins were tied for the wild-card lead. Now they need a 36-16 finish to match last year's 91-71 record.

"We're very upbeat," pitcher Dontrelle Willis said. "It can come down to the last week, so anything's possible, especially in this locker room. We definitely know how to come from behind, so we're definitely going to claw our way back until they say we can't do it anymore."

It helps that the Marlins have games remaining against all of the teams they're chasing in the wild-card race. They play Philadelphia, San Francisco, San Diego and the Chicago Cubs a total of 19 times.

They also have six games left against Atlanta, but the Braves surged ahead in the division by winning 31 of their past 40 games.

During the same stretch the Marlins struggled against the NL's last-place teams, losing 11 in a row to Arizona, Montreal and Pittsburgh over the span of a month.

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Jack McKeon was chosen manager of the year last season after guiding the Marlins to a World Series championship. This season, the Marlins (55-55) are 5½ games back in the NL wild-card race.

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